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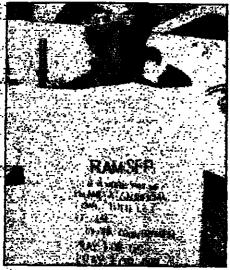
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'I have put so much at stake ... I have lost my husband' – Aquino

Cory declares emergency Kuwait to

Americans among 1,800 evacuated; Rebels hold



A rebel soldier displays a home-made teeshirt bearing the initials of their rebel group in the looby of the intercontnental Hotel

*Egypt

accepts

Baker

WASHINGTON, Dec

(Reuter): Egypt has formally accepted US Secretary of State James Baker's five-point Middle

East peace initiative which aims

to convene groundbreaking

direct Israeli-Palestinian

negotiations, the State Depart-

"We're pleased to announce

that we have now received from

the government of Egypt a

positive response to secretary

Baker's five-point framework,

said State Department spokes-

woman Margaret Tutwiler. Egypt has been mediating bet-

ween the United States and the PLO in order to gain acceptance

of the blueprint which aims to pave the way for Palestinian elec-

tions in Israeli-occupied

Turwiler said Egypt had also conveyed "certain views and

positions on this process" which amounted to conditions under

which acceptance was given but

last month but added several

conditions which it called

"assumptions." The main ones were that the PLO would not

have a role and that talks would

be limited to the question of elec-

tions and would not discuss the

Baker tabled his five points in

October after the Israeli cabinet

rejected a previous Egyptian proposal aimed at getting talks

under way on elections in the

Israeli-occupied West Bank and

Tutwiler said the State Depar-

tment would publish the five

points later today. She said she

Wespected Baker to meet in Washington with the Foreign

Ministers of Egypt and Israel

early next month to advance the

Gazza Strip.

process.

final status of the territories.

Israel accepted the five points

declined to spell these out.

plan

ment said today.

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Aquino is handed a document by her executive secretary Catalino Marcaraig while escorted by her security guard (rear left) and Elfren Cruz, Metro Manila commissioner (rear right). (Reuter

Singh springs surprises

NEW DELHI, Dec 6, (Reuter): New Indian Prime Minister Vishwanath Pratap Singh sprang a series of surprises today in his allocation of jobs to his 15-man

Singh had been expected to keep the Finance Ministry, a job he held under Rafiv Gandhi before he abandoned the Congress Party and launched a cam-paign against corruption that was instrumental in toppling Rajiv in last mouth's elections.

Instead, he took the Defence Ministry and gave Finance to Madhu Dandavate, 55, a nuclear science professor and long-time member of parliament who is widely admired. Singh is expected to expand his cabinet later.

Defence had been expected to go to Arun Nehru, the main strategist in the election campaign that ousted Ranv, a distant cousin whom Nehru served as junior home (interior) minister before joining Singh in opposition.

Nehru, 45, became Commerce Minister. Defence could be a crucial factor since Singh campaigned largely on accusations that Swedish arms maker Bofors paid huge bribes during Rajiv's administration to secure a \$1.3

billion artillery contract.

Singh has sworn to find out whether anyone in government took the money, but has promised there will be no personal vendetta against Rajiv who denies receiving anything.

Two jobs went as expected, with Inder Gujral appointed Minister of External Affairs and Maneka Gandhi, Rajiv's estranged sister-in-law, becoming junior environment minister.

Gujral, 70, was once a confidante of Indira Gandhi, Rajiv's mother and predecessor who was assassinated in 1984.

In 1975, the left-leaning intellectual quarrelled with Indira's younger son, Sanjay, Maneka's husband who was killed in a plane crash in 1982. He was effectively exiled as ambas-sador to Moscow where he served for five years.

The powerful Home Ministry, expected to go to Deputy Prime Minister Devi Lal, went to Muslim leader Mufti Mohammad Sayced, Rajiv's Tourism Minister until he quit Congress in 1987.

He will have one of the toughest jobs in a minority government dependent on the outside support of the Hindu fundamentalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)

and two communist parties.

List of ministers

NEW DELHI, Dec 6, (Reuter): Following ministers amounced today:	g is the list of Indian government
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Cabinet Ministers	
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Broadcasting	Pervetheneni Lipendre
Factor and Civil Aviation	Arif Mohammad Khan
Surface Transport and Communications	K.P. Usnikrishnan
Labour and Welfare	Ram Vilas Paswan
Textiles and Food Processing	Sharad Yadav
Health and Family Welfare	Nilamani Rostray
Reliways	George Fernandes
Petroleum and Chemicals	Maiazgi S. Garupadaswamy
Ministers of State	
Environment and Forests	
Water Resources	<u>Pieso a l'edoque l'elem</u>

Singh's bid to woo Sikhs

Visit to temple

AMRITSAR, India, Dec 6, (Reuter): India's newly-elected Prime Minister Vishwanath Pratap Singh, who has promised to give priority to tackling Sikh extremism, will visit the Golden Temple, the Sikh faith's holiest shripe, tomorrow.

Officials said Singh and his deputy Devi Lal will arrive in the Sikh holy city of Amritsar, visit the temple and probably hold talks with

The Golden Temple was the catalyst for the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in October 1984. She was shot dead by her Sikh bodyguards four months after she ordered the temple stormed by the

soldiers to flush out Sikh extremists. Khuswant Singh, a leading Sikh columnist, and some Sikh leaders have suggested a visit to the Golden Temple by the prime minister would help assuage the feelings of India's 15 million Sikhs.
Punjab state Governor Siddhartha Shankar Ray said: "It is good

they are coming. I hope it will produce results." it was not immediately known who Singh would meet in Amritsar. Hours before his visit was announced, a hardline Sikh leader, freed

after five years in jail, made a conciliatory speech calling for talks with the new government. Talks are the only way to bring peace to Punjab," said Simranjit

Singh Mann, who was elected to parliament from behind bars.

"I was brought back from the condemned cell by your votes and I need your support again," he told a crowd of about 7,000 gathered inside the Golden Temple.

site claimed by both Hindus and Muslims that fuelled sectarian riots in which several hundred

people, mostly Muslims, died. The fundamentalists have vowed to start work on the temple at the end of January in what will probably be the first major test of whether Singh, who has 30 days to win a vote of confidence,

will survive. The BJP was the major surpr-The election campaign was ise of the elections, winning 88 preceded by a row over a sacred scats after securing just two in the last elections in 1984. It could bring down Singh at any time, but has not said whether it would back construction of the temple.

Officials of Singh's National Front, which commands only 144 seats in the 545-member Parliament, said they are sure the government will survive because of memories of their fall in 1979.

The only previous occasion since independence in 1947 when Congress was banished to the opposition benches was in 1977. MANILA, Dec 6, (AP): President Corazon Aquino declared a state of emergency today and pleaded for support against mutineers trying to overthrow her govern-

"I am telling you now that I

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have put so much at stake for democracy. I have lost my husband," an obviously tired Aquino said in a nationally televised address.

Her husband, Sen. Benigno Aquino Jr, was slain in 1983 as he returned from the United States to challenge the late president Ferdinand Marcos for power.

"Why did I become President? It was because you believed in me. An in spite of all of the coup attempts, you have stuck by me, she said.

The government later announced that Aquino had proclaimed the nation-wide state of emergency to give her broad powers to cope with the crisis, which started last Friday when thousands of mutinous soldiers launched a coup attempt.

It was the sixth and most serious bid to oust her from the post she assumed when a popular uprising ousted Marcos in 1986. Loval and rebel forces have

battled for six days, leaving at least 79 people dead and more than 570 wounded. Several hundred rebels have surrendered. Rebels today still held parts of

the Makati financial district and the Mactan air base in Cebu, 350 miles (560 kms) south of Manila. Hours before the emergency

declaration, a ceasefire enabled about 1,800 foreigners to be evacuated from Makati, scene of heavy fighting since Saturday. But the mutineers, angry over US military support for Aquino last Friday, also issued a threat against Americans who remained in the country after the

evacuation.

Rebel and military representatives later opened talks to find a peaceful settlement of the crisis. The emergency declaration came after the talks began.

It was unclear what specific powers Aquino would be able to wield under the declaration. Cabinet officials insisted that personal liberties would not be curtailed, but said the additional powers were necessary to cope with the economic and social crisis triggered by the coup

attempt. Sen. Neptali Gonzalez, chairman of the largest pro-Aquino party, said congress would con-sider proposals granting Aquino extraordinary powers to cope with the crisis but he offered no specifics.

"This is not martial law," said Labour Secretary Franklin Drilon. "There's no curfew, there's no suspension of the writ of habeas corpus Congress will continue. We will continue to enjoy our rights. It only empowers government to check those who may not be delivering basic services

Opposition Rep. Salvador Britannico said the declaration would discourage foreign investment and was "a first step ... towards the declaration of martial law."

Under emergency powers taken by Aquino today the government banned radio and television in the Philippines from

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Visas from hotels

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overhau

Bid to boost stagnant economy

AN economic report specifically compiled to re-activate the Kuwait economy has called for more relaxations of the visit visas rules including permitting Kuwaiti hotels to obtain visit visas for their guests and for revising the recent regulations of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour relating to the ban on the transfer of expatriate residences in the private sector from one sponsor to another before the expiry of three years of service.

The report was based on two main studies — the first prepared by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry on behalf of the private sector while the second was prepared by a government team. After extensively reviewing the report at an extraordinary session of Kuwait's cabinet on Tuesday, a committee was set up headed by the governor of the Central Bank to co-ordinate with different government and other bodies to work out the principles essential to activate the economy. On the basis of the findings of the co-ordination, the committee will adopt a number of practical measures on ways to implement the

recommendations. One of the recommendations aims at re-activating the real estate sector and called for revising the present rent law with the aim to "create a more stable relation between landlords and tenants, including facilitating the evacuation of buildings when legal conditions are fulfilled."

Expansion was called for in the role of the private sector through "transferring some economic activities from the public to the private sector." In this instance, it cited the example of the housing sector. However, it demanded that the private establishments employ a large number of Kuwaitis as this is "one of the main solutions towards achieving the population balance."

Plan details

The recommendations further centrate on projects that are more fund-oriented. It also called for continuing the process of revising the present laws and legislations to modernise these laws to comply with the proposals of this report which cite rents, tenders, sale and other laws which need revision.

The report further recommended that the private sector "seek the assistance of some foreign partners, particularly those who enjoy the tech-nical experience necessary for some specialised activities." It called on the state to seriously deal with ways to find a solution to the budget delicit within the framework of not leaving any negative influence on the economic performance in general.

On the real estate sector, it stated that the main problem is supply exceeds demand and results in drop in value of rents, and prices of land number of solutions, including accelerating the process of demolition of expropriated buildings which are still being used by tenants and closing of all workshops and commercial shops in residential areas — with the exception of areas which lack services and have no cooperative societies.

Further, all design and supervision should be restricted to Kuwaiti engineering offices which can co-operate with foreign offices in case of pecial projects, the report commen-

A new law of industry should be issued to comply with the requirements of the new strategy and to encourage national industrial investments outside Kuwait - particularly in industries that require large numbers of manpower.

The report further called for tak-

acts that lead to over-saturating of the local markets with foreign products. It also proposed committing the local and foreign companies that contract with the government to utilise national industrial products. The report called for studying the

project of establishing a free trade zone in Kuwait and its influence on the national economy and that a decision on this issue should be taken within a year.

The issue of commercial stalls should be revised, the report said and

added that the Friday market should be closed as it constituted "an unjust means of competition."

The second part of the economy

report was devoted to means of improving the outcome of the dif-ficult bank loans settlement scheme. The economic committee proposed that debtors who have debts up to KD250,000 each, form 54.2 per cent of the total debtors and constitute only 2.5 per cent of the total debts and proposed accepting whatever they have as a mortgage and writing off the remainder.

They recommended that other debtors who had debts exceeding KD250,000 could enter the new settlement by paying cash or assets to the creditor banks and reduce their debts to the value of KD250,000.

Stressing on the importance of the new proposal, the report called for commencing it immediately. It gave the banks the right to investigate the financial positions of the debtors.

Bogota bomb kills 40



People look for survivors in the wreckage of the bomb blast in Bogota (Reuter wirephoto)

Drug cartel strikes again

Security agency HQ wrecked

BOGOTA, Dec 6, (Agencies): A truck bomb exploded today during the morning rush hour in downtown Bogota, killing 40 and injuring hun-dreds of people, destroying stores and damaging the federal police headquarters, officials said. No one claimed responsibility for

this morning's blast, but Bogota police chief Gen. Faruk Yanine told a news conference it was the work of the country's powerful cocaine car-

The attack came less than 24 hours after the government said a bomb had blown a Colombian airliner out of the sky last month, killing all 107 people aboard. The drug cartels, which launched a wave of terrorism l6 weeks ago to combat government efforts to extradite their leaders to the United States, were suspected.

The bomb in front of Colombia's secret police headquarters went off at 7:30 am (1230 GMT) as hundreds of people headed for work on foot and

by car. The blast left a crater 20 feet (six metres) deep, destroyed or heavily damaged a score of buildings and broke windows in a building seven

miles (11 kms) away. The bomb packed an estimated 1,100 pounds (498 kgs) of dynamite, the broadcast network Caracol

quoted police explosives experts as There were varying reports on the number of dead and injured as rescuers continued to pull bodies from the rubble hours after the blast.
The Colombian radio network RCN, quoting police sources and checking with hospitals and clinics in the area, said 40 people had been Health Minister Eduardo Diaz

told the Caracol radio network that 250 people were seriously injured and 700 were treated for cuts, abrasions, shock and hysteria. The bomb left the secret police

headquarters without a facade, destroying virtually all walls and win-

Also heavily damaged were a building across the street where many federal judges have their offices and the national transit police headquarters a block away. A half dozen stores across the

street from the secret police headquarters were reduced to smoking rubble. About 60 cars were des-

On any given weekday, many foreigners line up at the secret police building, known as the Department of Administrative Security, to renew their visas.

Swiss authorities announced

today the arrest of narcotics trafficking charges of Severo "Junior" Escobar IV, nephew of Colombian "king of cocaine" Pablo Escobar.

A bus was involved in a head-on collision with a trailer truck in northern Mexico, killing 31 people and injuring six, a federal highways police spokeswoman said today.

Leather.

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Krenz falls: amnesty declared

WEST BERLIN, Dec 6, (UPI): East Germany's Egon Krenz resigned as head of state and chairman of the defence council today, relinguishing all power, after losing the leadership of the ruling Communist Party on Sunday, the official East German news agency, ADN said.

The agency also said all members of the National Defence Council were relieved of their duties and that an

amnesty had been declared. The moves came amid growing demands for sweeping reform, and outrage over claims of abuses of power by former officials, including Erich Honecker, whom Krenz replaced as head of state and leader of the Communist Party, less than two months ago.

During his short rule, Krenz initiated some drastic changes the former hard-line Communist country, including the Nov 8 breaching of the Berlin Wall, but appeared unable to shake off his reputation as a tough communist.

Krenz was long considered a strong supporter of the lines for the lines of the line

iron-fist policies of Erich Honecker, whom he replaced Oct 18, and who was widely considered his mentor.

ADN said Krenz resigned his largely titular post as

chairman of the council of state as well as his position as chairman of the National Defence Council. It said the council of state subsequently dismissed all members of the desence council. Details Page 7



Lanka to press for pullout as killings continue

Eight hacked to death by Sinhalese rebels

COLOMBO, Dec 6, (AP): Sinhalese rebels hacked to death eight relatives of security officials in central Sri Lanka, a government

Four other people were wounded in yesterday's attack in Rambodgalle village in Kurunagale district, 135 kms (85 miles) northeast of Colombo, the statement said.

Sri Lankan Foreign Minister, Ranjan Wijeratne will meet the new Indian Prime Minister, Vishwanath Pratap Singh, and Indian Foreign

Ministry officials tomorrow to discuss the implementation of the Indo-Sri Lanka accord signed in July 1987, a Foreign Ministry official said.
Wijeratne will be accompanied by the secretary to the Foreign Ministry, Bernard Tillekeraine, the secretary to the Defence Ministry,

General Sepala, and foreign affairs adviser, Bradman Weerakoon. The delegation will also discuss the joint communique signed by Sri Lankan President, Ranasinghe Premadasa and the former Indian prime minister, Rajiv Gandhi.

> The main subject of discussion will be the withdrawal of the Indian Peace-Keeping Force (IPKF) now stationed in the northern and the eastern provinces of Sri Lanka. The killings at Rambodagale

were among 21 reported in the Sinhalese heartland of central and southern Sri Lanka, according to the statement and military

The Sinhalese family became a target of the extremists because two members of the family are working in the police and army, officials said. The two were not at home when the attack occurred.

Sri Lankan troops, mean-while, shot and killed four Sinhalese rebels in Dehiowita village, 45 kms (28 miles) east of Colombo, said military officials, who cannot be identified under briefing rules.

The remaining nine victims, government officials and supporters, were killed by suspected Sinhalese rebels in several attacks since yesterday, the statement said.

About 300 Indian-trained militants attacked the main police station in eastern Batticaloa yesterday, but were driven off after eight hours of fighting in which at least five rebels were killed, police said.

Security forces suffered no casualties in the battle with the Tamil National (TNA), said senior police superintendent Lionel Karunasena, head of the antiinsurgency special task force.
"We have gained full control of the area," he said.

He said about 300 TNA fighters launched the attack on the coastal city's central police station, directing mortars, rocketpropelled grenades and small

arms fire into the compound. Karunasena said at least five TNA fighters were killed in the eight-hour battle.

phone said the fighting prompted people to flee the centre of the city, 150 miles (240 km) northeast of Colombo, some taking shelter in a Catholic church.

The attack came a week after

the withdrawal from Batticaloa of about 1,200 Indian troops belonging to a contingent deployed in North-East Province in 1987 to enforce the Indo-Sri Lankan accord aimed at ending a rebellion by separat-ists of the island's Tamil minority.

The accord granted greater autonomy to the Tamil-dominated province from the central government, which is controlled by majority Sinhalese, and was endorsed by four Tamil rebel groups, including the Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front (EPRLF).

Blasts at Spanish: envoy's home

THE HAGUE, Dec 6, (UPI): Two blasts inside the Spanish ambas-sador's home rocked the area near the American embassy today in the third attack on Spanish targets in Holland in six weeks, Dutch police

The ambassador, Manuel Maria Sassot Canadas, and an undisclosed number of family members were at home when the explosions occurred at 7:30 am (06:30 GMT) but escaped

Police said the blasts appeared to have been caused by two shoulder-launched grenades shot from a car parked outside the residence.

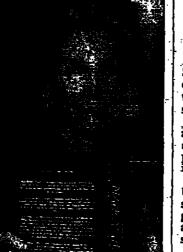
Windows on the first two floors windows on the list two hoors were blown out and police said damage inside the building was "reasonably extensive." Fire fighters quickly extinguished a fire in a living area on the second floor.

15 plucked from roof as fire rages

LOS ANGELES, Dec 6, (AP): Fiftos ANGELES, Dec 6, (AP): Fif-teen people trapped by a fire raging in a nine-storey downtown building yesterday were plucked from the roof by a helicopter, authorities said. Forty people were injured in the fire. The building housed apartments and businesses, said fire department spokesman Jim Wells. The fire broke out just before noon and was out in

out just before noon and was out in about a half-hour.

In addition to those rescued by helicopter, about 30 others escaped down ladders extended to the sixth and seventh floors of the building, said Manny Hernandez, another fire department spokesman.



Nancy's turn

Nancy Reagan holds a copy of her new book 'My Turn, the Memoirs of Nancy Reagan, at Harrods, London. Nancy is in London to promote her book and will only be signing books at Harrods. (Reuter wirephoto)

picture

ROME, Dec 6, (Renter): An informer

Francesco Marino Maunoia, known as "Mozzarella," decided to gire up-to-date evidence to Italy's top organised crime flighter, judge Giovanni Falcone, after his younger brother Acestica, a his many brother Agostino — a hit man — was murdered last April -

In an attempt to shot him up, the mob killed Massocia's mother, sister and sunt lest mouth in a rare attack on

Investigators said today that hun-dreds of pages of evidence taken from Mannola, 37, could be more important than testimony by Tourneso Bus-cetta, the first sesior mafin figure to

Burcetta's evidence played a lead-ing role in a meas mafin trial in Palermo in 1987 and the "Pizza connection" case in the United States. But he could give little information on changes in the mafin since a devastat-

clan war in the early 1900s. Mannela is the first informer from the rathiess and do the Corieonesi. Fifteen alle

More than 250 pages of testimony were presented earlier this week at the verdicts in the 1987 mass trial which

become an open sewer. Victims, including strangled rival class mem-bers, were put in acid baths in the chambers and then dumped in the river, which flows out to sea, he said. Illegal export from US of weapon material

Arms plot scientist jai

SACRAMENTO, California, Dec 6, (AP): A rocketry scientist convicted of trying to ship sophisticated US missile technology to Egypt has been

sentenced to 46 months in prison. Abdelkader Heimy, 41, also was fined \$358,690 and ordered to forfeit about a half-million dollars. all part of what prosecutors said were \$1 million in payments dispensed to Helmy by Egyptian elligence operatives via Swiss banks.

"This is not a cloak-and-dagger espionage case, US district judge Raul Ramirez said at yesterday's sentencing. "This was a case, to put it bluntly, of greed. ... He thought he would make a lot of money and thought he would make a favour befall the

sovereign nation of Egypt."

Ramirez also credited Helmy for the 18 months he spent in jail awaiting trial.

The Egyptian-born US citizen pleaded guilty in June to one count of illegally exporting about 420 pounds (190 kilogrammes) of a carbon-based material used in the construction of nose cones, rocket nozzles and other weapons-related machinery. Eleven counts, including money laundering and conspiracy, were dropped in return for the plea and his promise to co-operate with prosecutors.

"I would like you to consider me as a human being," Helmy told the judge, "and human beings make mistakes. The United States is my country and

The material, called carbon-carbon, had been

developed in the United States. It has a low visibility to radar and is heat resistant. It is used extensively in Stealth aircraft, missiles and rockets.

An associate of Helmy's, 47-year-old James Haffman of Lexington, Ohio, was sentenced to 41 men-ths in prison and fined \$7,500.

Ramirez said Huffman, who worked as a representative of the Hollister-based Teledyne Corp., reportedly used his expertise as a 20-year veteran marketing specialist to help Helmy in the exporting scheme.

Ramirez characterised the export scheme as a "large, complex, intricate conspiracy" developed by the Egyptians with financial backing from Iraque get sensitive weapons-grade rocket materials.

He said that had the conspiracy succeeded and the fechnology and materials reached the Middle East,

Egypt and Iraq had planned to split the fruits of the An attorney for Helmy, Marcus S. Topel, had claimed his client was recruited by Egypt's then-defence minister, Lt Gen. Abdel Halim Abu

US prosecutors said two Egyptian nationals also have been charged in the case. They are Ahmed Hussam Al Din Khairat, an Egyptian army officer who allegedly supervised the export scheme from a headquarters in Austria, and Fuad Algamal, an

Egyptian colonel. Both are fugitives.

spokesman for a Palestinian faction said today that his group severed its connections with a suspect in the 1988 bombing of a Pan American Airways jumbo

jet long before the incident. Khaled Abd Al Majed, politburo member of the Palestinian Popular Struggle Front told the Associated Press in an interview that Mohammed Abu Talb, 35, left the group in 1982.

"After that he had no relation with the front," Abd Al Majed said through a translator.

A court in Sweden on Monday approved seizure of evidence from Abu Talb's Uppsala home by investigators apparently seeking links to remnants of clothes found in the suitcase that contained the Pan Am bomb.

Abd Al Majed said his group, part of the PLO, opposes operations such as the December 1988 airplane bombing over Scotland that killed 270 people in the air and on the ground.

"We are against all these ways in all cases," the spokesman said. "These make a bad impression it has a bad effect on the Palestinian uprising and the

Abd Al Majed said that Afru Talb went abroad as a political.

"Anyone who goes abroad as a political refugee we dismiss from the front." he said He said he did not know if Abu

Talb joined other factions. Swedish prosecutors say the Lebanese-born Abu Talb was an Egyptian Army deserter who

became a senior Struggle Front officer heading a security unit in Lebanon. They say he went to Sweden in

1986 on a faise Morroccan passport. But his ex-wife, Jamila Mograbi, said he had been living in Sweden for six years.

Abu Talb reportedly was seen in Malta in October 1988 accompanied by Hafez Dalkamoni, a top aide to Ahmed Jibril, head of the Popular Front for the Libera-tion of Palestine-General Command, another leftist Palestinian

PFLP-GC officials have repeatedly demed any link to the bombing. The group's leader Ahmed Jibril recently told the Sunday correspondent newspaper of Britain he would be willing to make members of his group available to investigate

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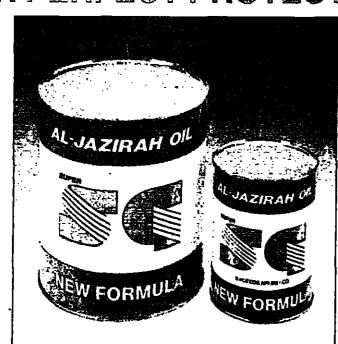
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"CHARLESTON, South Carolina, Dec 6, (UPI):
"Gone With the Wind," the most loved movie of all times, was not entirely a work of fiction according to is new study by a historian who studied artifacts from a salvaged civil war steamer and diaries of

"Margaret Mitchell lied when she claimed her Characters were pure fiction," said E. Lee Spence of Charleston yesterday just prior to celebrations in Atlanta, Georgia to mark the 50th anniversary of - the revered movie version of Mitchell's work.

Spence credited Mitchell with being a "superb historian and storyteller," but said she intentionally concealed the true origin of her characters. ed: Based on his research, Spence is convinced the real Rhett Butler was the tall, handsome, outspoken : Charlestonian George Alfred Trenholm, owner of

more than 60 steamers that tried to outrun union : naval blockades in the civil war. . . . Spence said other principal characters in the story also can be connected to real people, many of them members of Mitchell's extended family, including

some actually acquainted with the author. "Although the plot in GWTW was fictional, virtually every one of Margaret's characters were based on real people," he said. "And incidents in their lives formed the real meat of the story."

Spence said Mitchell, whose father and brother were lawyers, knew the potential for libel and copyright infringement. If the truth had leaked, others could have written stories without fear of being sued by Mitchell, since history cannot be

copyrighted.
"Although others writers could not use the same names Margaret gave her characters, there would be

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nothing to prevent them from developing their own story lines around the same real people," he said.

"The truth is always more interesting than fiction, and that was why Margaret used so much of it. Unfortunately, she had to leave out or play down some of the best parts to avoid the truth getting out."

Spence noted that Mitchell's second husband, John Marsh, destroyed thousands of pages of her notes, letters and manuscripts immediately after her death in 1949, when she was struck by a car in downtown Atlanta. He suggests the papers were destroyed "to protect the copyright, which might have been circumvented if people had known the

An attorney for the Mitchell estate, Paul Anderson Sr of Atlanta, was not immediately available to comment on Spence's claims.

Spence said Rhett's bad characteristics came from Mitchell's first husband, Red Upshaw, whom Spence described as "a wife beater and a scoundrel." Spence, in addition to being an historian, is a noted undersea explorer, and he said he began to research "the truth" behind Mitchell's book after salvaging cases of pins, buttons and other sundries from the wreck of the civil war steamer Georgiana.

The pins seemed an especially unlikely find until Spence read that Rhett Butler "blockaded in" pins and buttons "at risk to his life," much to the appreciation of Scarlet O'Hara and the other women in "Gone With the Wind."

Contemporary news accounts reported that the Georgiana's cargo was consigned to Fraser and Co., a blockade-running firm headed by Trenholm.

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after receiving one of the world's most coveted literary awards. "I can't imagine a retrospective future," he said. Cela was cited by the academy as "the leading figure in Spain's literary renewal during the postwar era," and for his broad

Cela: I'll

be glad

if fuss

is over

STOCKHOLM, Dec 6, (AP): Spanish author Camilo Jose Cela

arrived in Sweden, yesterday to collect his Nobel prize for literature, and said he'll be glad when the fass is over.

prize I haven't led any life at all.

I've just been answering questions all the time. I'll be happy when it's

over," Cela told a news con-

Cela, 73, has published 70

novels, travelogues, essays and books of poetry. His 1942 book "The Family of Pascaal Duarte"

was the most popular Spanish-language work of fiction since

Don Quixote was written nearly

Though claiming to be distur-bed by unceasing attention since

the prize was announced on Oct

18, Cela said he was coming to receive the Nobel award "with

"But I'm looking forward to

being able to sit at my desk and start working again," he said. Cela was met at the airport by

Sture Allen, secretary of the

18-member Swedish academy,

which chooses the Nobel laureate.

Sweden's King Carl XVI Gustaf

on Sunday, and a check for the equivalent of 3 million kronor

would now "rest on his laurels"

(\$469,000).

He will be given his award by

influence on literature throughout Latin America.

Asked who inspired him the most, Cela said, "I was inspired by all Spanish authors before me.

Literature is part of a culture."

He said he best enjoyed reading mediaeval Spanish poets. He also mentioned the late US novelist Ernest Hemingway as an

Nancy dresses under probe

The US agency responsible for collecting taxes is investigating whether former president Ronald Reagan and his wife, Nancy, owe taxes on designer gowns she borrowed, a government source said yesterday The source, speaking on condition he not be identified, said the Internal

Revenue Service was acting at least partly on information from M. Chris

Blazakis, a former employee of the designer Galanos.

Galanos, Adolfo and other big-name designers lent mimerous dresses to Nancy Reagan, some of which have been valued at thousands of dollars.

A report of the IRS investigation appearance by estated in detailed in formation results the IRS.

The Post said several tax experts whom it interviewed last year said the dresser should have been regarded as interest-free loans and therefore taxable income to Nancy Reagan. Picture shows Nancy dancing with Reagan. (Reuter wire-

PEOPLE AND PLACES

OAKLAND: Tyrone Robinson, accused of the Aug 22 curbside killing of Black Pauther Party cofounder Huey P. Newton, pleaded innocent Tusday in Alameda County superior court.

Judge Gordon Baranco ordered the 25-year-old defendant to trial on Jan 24, and granted a bail hearing for Dec 14. Robinson has been held without bail since the dawn shooting that took the life of the charismatic black leader of the 1960s. (AP)

HARTFORD, Connecticut: A techager whose hatred of homosexuals was an "obsession out of control" was sentenced Tuesday to 35 years in prison for the slaying

of a computer analyst during a "gay bashing" spree. Marcos Perez, 17, who pleaded guilty to murder and first-degree robbery, drew the maximum sentence from superior court judge Raymond R. Norko, despite pleas from defense lawyers who said Perez was emotionally scarred as a result of being molested as a child.
(UPI)

BEVERLY HILLS, California: A judge Tuesday put actress Zsa Zsa Gabor's 72-hour jail sentence and fines totalling \$2,937 on hold while she appeals ner misdmeanour conviction for slapping a police

officer.

Municipal court judge Charles G.

Rubia refused to delay the 120 hours
of community service, a psychiatric
evaluation and \$10,000 restitution to the police department, all of which he ordered during Miss Gabor's sentencing. (AP)

CHICAGO: Playboy magazine on Tuesday published a special edition featuring founder Hugh Hefner's new bride spread across 97 pages in various stages of undress.
"Just in time for holiday gift

giving," said the magazine in announcing the publication. kimberley Courad the 26-year-old blonde from Vancouver, British Columbia, who became the 63-year-old Hefner's wife last June, has had previous Playboy exposure. She was on the cover in August 1988, the same year she was featured as "Miss

January." (Reuter) LONDON: Lord Elwyn-Jones, a prosecutor at the Nutemberg war crimes trials and Britain's chief legal officer under the last Labour Party government, has died of cancer, his

son said Tuesday. He was 80. Elwyn-Jones died at his home in Brighton, south England, late Monday night, said his son, Dan. He said his father had been suffering from cancer since September. (AP)

BETHANY BEACH, Delaware: Poet May Swenson, whose work can be found in many anthologies and who was a regular contributor to the New Yorker, has died. She was 76. (AP).

PARIS: French actor Robert Vidalia, known to millions as the voice of Charles de Gaulle's resistance fighters during World War II, has died, his family said

Tuesday.
Vidalin, an actor and member of the Comedie Française National Theater, gave up acting in 1939 to join the underground after the Nazis invaded France. (AP)

ROME: Edoardo Amaidi. considered one of the fathers of Italian physics and a pioneer in nuclear research, died Tuesday at the age of 81.

Amakli became ill at the Lincei

Academy, a Rome research institute of which he was president, and died a short while later at a nearby hospital, officials said. The exact cause of death was not announced.

WASHINGTON: Rock star Prince won a legal battle Monday as the US supreme court refused to revive

Os supreme court retused to revive a copyright-infringement lawsuit over his hit song "U Got the Look." The court, without comment, let stand decisions dismissing claims by Minneapolis, Minnesota, that his song's lyrics are too similar to an unpublished song she wrote.

Mis Nelson in 1987 sued Prince, where full name is Drince.

whose full name is Prince Rogers Nelson, and PRN Productions, his record business based in Chanhassen, Minnesota. (AP)

NEW YORK: The gleam of tens of thousands of bright lights warmed some 50,000 spectators who huddled in the subfreezing chill Monday evening for the 57th annual tree-lighting ceremony at Rockefeller Centre in mid-Manhattan.

The crowd, huddled a little closer than usual in the windy, 26-degree (minus 4 Celsius), weather, gasped as the 20,000 lights on the 70-foot tall Norway spruce burst into colour at the push of a button by David Rockefeller and youngsters in

a truancy prevention programme. The crowd roared, oohed, and ashed while the choral Society of the Hamptons joined in with "Joy to the World."

"It really gets you into the spirit," said a well-bundled Alys Frank, 21. from Smithtown, New York, "You really don't start Christmas until you see this."

Over the past two weeks, workers covered the tree with five miles (eight kilometres) of wire.

Warning over climate threat

Greenhouse effect

WASHINGTON, Dec 6, (AP): Changes in the earth's climate could encourage the spread of diseases like encephalitis and rabies, while at the same time damaging the human body's ability to fight them, a conference on climate and health was told yesterday.

Potential problems stem both from the increase in ultraviolet radiation, as the protective ozone layer in the stratosphere is damaged, and from climate warming, which many scientists believe is occuring in a so-called greenhouse effect.

Ultraviolet radiation, already known to cause skin cancer, also has a major effect in reducing the response of the human immune system, said Dr Raymond Daynes of the University of

"There is really no advantage to sunbathing. Your skin is really not meant to withstand ultraviolet radiation," Daynes told the conference on "Global atmospheric change and public

Ultraviolet radiation, he said, "in addition to being a potent carcinogen, appears able to modify, or suppress, the immune

Levels of ultraviolet radiation are considered likely to increase as ozone is depleted in the upper atmosphere, where man-made chemicals known as cholorofluorocarbons destroy the protective layer. Already a scasonal reduction in ozone, known as an ozone hole, occurs at the South Pole. At the same time this immune

system damage is being threatened, warming of the climate could lead to the spread of diseases currently limited by the climate, added Dr Robert Shope of the Yale University

And Dr Susanne Holmes Giannini of the University of Maryland School of Medicine added that ultraviolet radiation also increases the effects of many diseases that affect the skin or start on the skin.

Skin diseases such as leprosy, smallpox, skin ulcers and infec-tions and herpes could be worsened by increases in radiation, she said, as could diseases that enter the body through the skin such as anthrax, bubonic plague, yaws, some types of diptheria, African sleeping sickness and

In one series of tests, she said, mice infected with what is normally a skin disease developed fewer skin ulcers under ultraviolet radiation, but between 15 per cent and 40 per cent of them died. Thus, she con-cluded, ultraviolet radiation seems able to convert one nor-mally non-fatal disease into a

"Most human infectious diseases will probably not be greatly influenced by climate change," said Shope. But, he added, those affected by climate, such as diseases carried by mosquitoes, likcly will be. The change is hard to predict

without knowing how much or how fast climate will change, he said, noting that while the green-house effect is widely discussed, scientists disagree over whether it has actually begun and how much warming might occur. If there is a warmer climate

said Shope, possible problems might include the spread of batborne rabies as vampire bats from South and Central America extend their range to the north, spread of dengue and yellow fever and an increase in St Louis encephalitis.

Fastest winds in solar system

Probe on Neptune

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec 6, (AP): Photos taken by US space probe Voyager 2 show Neptune has the fastest winds yet seen in the solar system, and reveal several volcanoes spewing nitrogen ice on the moon Triton. scientists said yesterday.

Neptune's jet-stream winds push frozen natural-gas clouds past the north edge of the plangreat dark spot at nearly 1,500 miles (2.400 kilometres) per hour - about the speed of sound in

Neptune's atmosphere, said Edward Stone, chief scientist for the US space agency's Voyager

"These are the fastest (winds) we've observed," easily exceeding the previous record winds of 1,110 miles (1,790 kilometres) per hour in Saturn's jet-stream, Stone said at a news conference during the American Geo-physical Union's fall meeting.

The speed of sound on Earth is about 700 miles (1,100 kilometres) per hour, depending on temperature and altitude. It's much faster on planets with colgases lighter than those in Ear-

The clouds racing in Nep-tune's superfast winds could be seen in a movie made by computer from still photographs taken by Voyager when the spacecraft flew past Neptune

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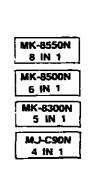
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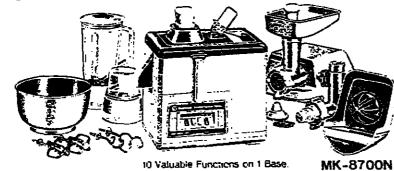


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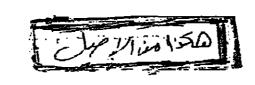
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Jennifer Casolo talks to press in front of the court tribunals Dec 5. (Reuter wirephoto)

Salvador charges US woman with terror

SAN SALVADOR, Dec 6, (AP): A 28-year-old American has been charged with terrorism, more than a week after police reported seizing ammunition and explosives buried

behind her house in San Salvador. Jennifier Casolo spent more than four hours yesterday making a private deposition to military judge Guillermo Romero before she was charged.

"I'm being taken to the women's prison. It's a place I've taken many delegations, a place where I've interviewed. many prisoners. I guess now I'll be on the other side," she

told reporters after leaving the judge's chambers.

Ms Casolo said she had been charged with possession of

She faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted. Ms Casolo has spent nearly five years here with Christian educational seminars, a US-based organisation that arranges fact-finding tours for visiting Americans, includ-

Police raided her house on Nov 25 and reported finding

explosives and detonator caps buried in her backyard. She has denied complicity with the leftist Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, which is waging a 10-year-old war against a succession of US-backed govern-

"She has said she rented the house where the munitions were found only three months ago, and that she has been travelling much of that time.

"I have faith in all the people who have written me letters, in their prayers, I can't say I have faith in the system to find me impocent. But I believe my impocence will shine

to int the interest through," she said.

Leftist rebels moved into two neighbourhoods overmight and killed one soldier in a battle with government troops, before withdrawing before dawn yesterday.

The armed forces press office said one soldier was killed and five were wounded in the fighting. It had no informa-

tion on guerrilla casualties.

Increase slot visa appeal

WASHINGTON, Dec 6, (AP): The United States should increase legal immigration to fill expected worker shortages and provide 150,000 slots a year for residents now able to leave the communist nations of Eastern Europe, a report recommended.

The report by two scholars at the American Enterprise Institute, a conservative Washington think-tank, suggested that more immigrants be "pre-selected for specific skills and occupations that are absent or in short supply" in the United States.

Currently, most immigrants are admitted because they have family members in America, according to authors Ben Wattenberg and Karl Zinsmeister. Only 5 per cent of immigrant visas now go to applicants with particular job skills.

The report said "many resear-chers believe that America is entering an era of long-term labour shortage" and concluded that immigrants would go to regions and occupations where the demand was greatest.

PASADENA, California, Dec 6, (UPI): Civil

rights attorneys argued before appellate court

judges yesterday that the FBI has unlawfully withheld files on the late Beatle John Lennon

because of a political coverup, rather than for

The American Civil Liberties Union is

representing historian Jon Wiener, 45, in his

appeal of a 1983 federal court decision that

denied him access to about 70 pages of FBI

material on the rock musician for his 1985

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Get thee to a monastery?: A longtime heroin user has accepted a judge's offer to spend two years in a Zen Buddhist monastery instead of going through a drug treatment programme.

Judge James Chamblin in Loudoun County, Virginia, gave Keith Brian Scoffeld the option Monday

of entering his sixth drug treatment programme or the Zen Studies Society Mountain Monastery, north-

west of New York City.

"Conventional drug treatment sure doesn't produce many winners," Scofield said yesterday in a telephone interview from jail in Virginia. "I've been to some of the best in the country and believe me they just don't work." (AP)

L-trytophan supply held: Federal regulators said yesterday they have imposed an automatic detention at US ports on all tablets and bulk supplies of L-tryptophan and that the number of reported cases of a blood disorder linked to the

nutritional supplement has risen to 707.

The FDA said the action was ordered as a followup to its Nov 17 request for a nationwide recall of most L-tryptophan products in which the substance

The agency began the detention Nov 21. On Nov 27, the detention and recall actions were expanded to include powered versions of L-tryptophan, FDA spokesman Chris Lecos said. (AP)

AZT causes rat-mice tumours: THE US manufacturer of the anti-Aids drug AZT slerted physicians yesterday that very high doses cause tumours in ageing laboratory animals. But American health officials sought to reassure patients that the discovery has little meaning for people with Aids.

"Although these results appear to be significant, they do not establish that the drug has a corringerate.

they do not establish that the drug has a carcinogenic effect in humans," said Dr James Mason, an official of the US Department of Health and Human

"The public health service still strongly recommends that Aids patients ... continue thioazido vurine

FBI unlawfully withheld Lennon file to cover up

book "Come Together. John Lennon In His

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from 100 additional pages of the 400-page file

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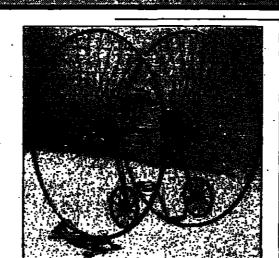
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The UC Irvine professor contends that the



Record price for bike

A BICYCLE without handlebars made in 1881 was sold for a world record price of £22,000 (\$34,540) in London on Tuesday, auctioneers Phillips said. Fewer than 10 models of the bicycle, called the Otto,

are known to exist. It was bought by an unidentified private British collector who intends to use it regularly, said a

Phillips spokeswoman, speaking anonymously.
The bike, built in Peckham, south London, by CWF
Otto has two 56-inch (142-centimetre) wheels and two small wheels which propel the machine by means

The spokeswoman said the price more than doubled the previous record for a bicycle sale.

(AZT) therapy under consultation with their physicians," he said. (AP)

gate," Wiener said.

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such as illegal surveillance, harassment and

intimidation of Lennon by government

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But Justice Department attorney Miriam

Nisbet argued that US district court judge

Robert Takasug's 1983 ruling against Wiener should be upheld. She contended that there

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Triple organ receiver better

PITTSBURGH, Dec 6, (AP): The world's first recipient of a transplanted heart, kidney and liver was appraded from critical to serious condition yesterday and talked with her husband after her

Cindy Martin, 26, was "doing very well" two days after the 21hour operation that began Saturday night, said Frank Raczkiesman at Presbyterian-University Hospital.

"Her organs looks excellent," said Dr John Armitage, who performed the transplant.

Raczkiewicz said Mrs Martin

spoke with her husband, John, after she was removed from a respirator. Nurses said she was in good spirits. First time

The operation marked the first time doctors simultaneously tranplanted a liver, heart and kidney

Mrs Martin is receiving a new Japanese anti-rejection drug, FK-506, which is believed to be more effective than the traditional anti-

rejection drug, cyclos Mrs Martin suffers from familial cardiomyopathy, an inherited heart disease. She received a heart transplant three years ago, but her body rejected the heart, she developed hepatitis and her kidneys failed.

The Pittsburgh Cancer Institute is beginning a five-year study aimed at learning why organ transplant recipients tend to develop cancer at a much higher

rate than the general population.

The SS million survey tracking 400 transplant patients, funded by the National Cancer Institute, will ne in particular whether thi higher cancer rate is caused by drugs that help prevent rejection of new organs by suppressing the

The study will build on research by liver transplant pioneer Dr Thomas Starzl, who observed the discrepancy between transplant recipients and the general popula-tion as long ago as 1975, institute un Ellen Dillard said esterday.

Starzi has since developed an international transplant registry to track organ recipients, and found that between 20 and 30 patients per 1,000 develop cancer each year world-wide, compared with 2 per 1,000 in the general opulation annually, Dillard said. And she said that among transplant recipients who were never exposed to the epstein-barr virus, which causes mononucleosis.

incidence of cancer soured to 100 per 1,000. Check

before the transplants, the

The study will check the 400 organ recipients for immune system changes caused by transplantation or by taking cyclosposine or other immunosuppressive drugs, said Theresa Whiteside, director of the Pittsburgh Cancer Ins-titute's immunologic monitoring and diagnostic laboratory.

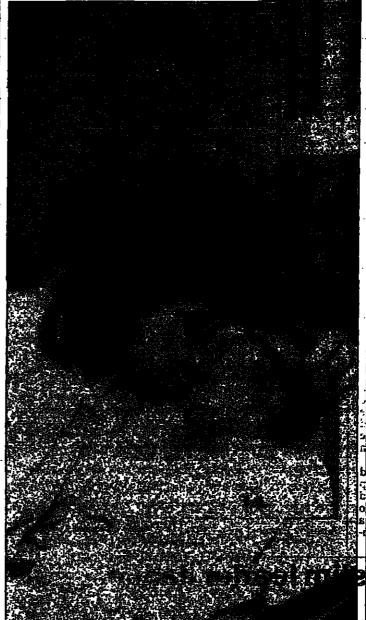
"There's a feeling that because these people are immunosuppres-sed, their immune system is not working at its optimum. And this fact contributes to the malig-nancy," Whiteside said.

Immunosuppressant drugs are given to transplant recipients so their bodies do not reject the new organs. However, patients who develop cancer after transpl tion often have the malignant process reverse itself when the immunosuppressant drugs are withdrawn or the doses are ecreased, Whiteside said.

"There is a feeling that the immune system is important in the processes that lead to development of cancer," Whiteside said.

Possible link

The study also will look at a possible link between the enetein-berr virus and the incidence of cancer, Dillard said.



Liver transplant kid fine

A TEXAS toddler who received part of her mother's liver in the nation's first live donor transplant is recovering but there are signs the new liver is not fully

functional, one of the doctors treating the youngster said Tuesday.

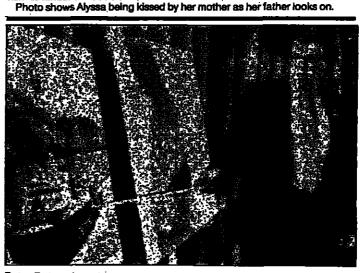
Dr Peter Whitington, director of paediatric transplant services at the University of Chicago-hospitals, said-21-month-old Alyasa-Smith. of Schartz, Texas, is. exhibiting some jaundice but there are no signs the liver is being rejected.

"But there's every indication she is going to improve," he said. "She still has a
lot of hurdles to cross before she is released back to San Antonio."

sa received part of her mother's liver in a 13 1/2-hour operation Nov 27the first time which a procedure had been done in the United States and only the fourth time it had been performed in the world.

The mother, Terri Smith, 29, is scheduled to be released from the hospital

She told a news conference she never considered the operation enough of a risk "to hinder our decision."



Peter Bahouth, points to a photo showing an area on the MV Greenpeace that was damaged after being rammed. (Reuter wirephoto)

Greenpeace charges denied

Navy didn't ram

WASHINGTON, Dec 6, (AP): The protest group Greenpeace yesterday accused the US Navy of "maliciousness" in ramming its flagship as it protested the test launch of a Trident II missile.

The navy, which acknowledged on Monday that it had "shouldered" the protest ship away from the test site, said yesterday that it had not rammed

"We have a message for the navy," Greenpeace USA executive director Peter Bahouth told a news conference. "We are going to take legal action. They are going to have to pay us damages.

He declined to give details or say how much the group might seek in damages for the alleged incident Monday in the Atlantic Ocean 50 miles (80 kilometres) off the Florida Coast just before the submarine Tennessee fired

the \$26.5 million missile. The navy denied that it ram-med the 887-tonne ship Green-peace. The service said that it respected the group's right to protest but that it also had a right under international law to protect itself on the high seas.

At the news conference. Greenpeace leaders showed videotapes of two vessels identified as the navy Grasp and Kittiwake spraying the decks of the Greenpeace and pulling along-side. The tapes showed gaping holes in the hull of the Greenpeace; group leaders said the gashes resulted from rammings

by the tugs.
The videotapes also showed Greenpeace activists in an inflatable speedboat approach what appeared to be antenna from a submerged submarine.

Shock, fear at jet blast report

BOGOTA, Dec 6, (AP): Colombians are reacting with shock and fear to the official report that a bomb destroyed a jetliner on Nov 27 and killed the most people at once since drug traffickers began a wave of attacks in mid-

August.
The House of Representatives, meanwhile, defied Colombian President Virgilio Barco's administration yesterday and approved a national referendum on whether the country should continue extraditing suspected drug traf-fickers to the United States. The senate, which supports the Barco administration; "also must approve the measure before a ferendulin would be held. Many Colombiand Swere

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wational unitport: data adomestic flight on week 27 when at dee e distributes me control that people at once," said Camila Torres, a 21-year-old university

student. "I don't have the money to fly anywhere, but even if I did I wouldn't get near a plane right now." Ernesto Samper, a presidential candidate for the ruling

Liberal Party, blained the terrorist attack on drug traffickers and said they were on the verge of "overwhelming" the country. Samper said in a live radio

interview that Barco adminisof its 15-week-old campaign against drug traffickers to determine if it's worth the loss of innocent lives.

The government said that before the plane crash violence by drug traffickers had killed 39 people since they declared war on the Barco administration in

August. Earlier yesterday, unidentified gunmen killed another Colombian judge. Bernardo Jaramillo Uribe, was shot while walking near his home in Medellin, home of the country's most powerful cocaine cartel.

As head of an investigation into several murder cases in which drug traffickers were the main suspects, the judge was gathering evidence on the Aug 18 assassination of Col Franklin Quintero, the chief of the Antioquia state police.

In a legislative setback for Barco, Colombia's House of Representatives voted vesterday to put the thorny issue of extradition on a referendum scheduled for next month.

Manfredo appointed

PANAMA CITY, Dec 6, (AP): Fernando Manfredo, opposed by his government but supported by the United States, will become acting administrator of the Panama Canal on Jan 1.

"I have accepted because it is the only responsible option under the present circumstances." Manfredo said in a statement released yesterday by his office. "This has not been an easy decision. I thought about it much using the country's welfare as the only criterion ... I trust that when emotions cool down, all

will agree I did the right thing."
A spokesman said Manfredo was not available to comment personally because he was ill and at home. Manfredo has been deputy administrator of the Pan-

ama Canal Commission for 10

Steady programme being made on artificial heart study

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky, Dec 6, (UPI): Serious research is continuing toward a per-manent artifical heart and predictions are a device will be ready for regular use by early in the next century.

That is the consensus of the many physicians, engineers and other experts who gathered for a cardiovascular science and technology conference, held by National Ins-titute of Health which concluded Monday.

"The artificial heart is a goal that's been set for 30 years" said Dr. John Norman, semor

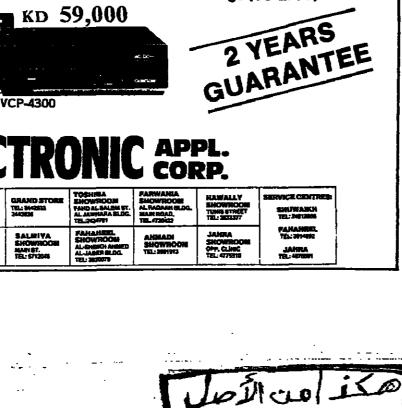
scholar in residence at Humana Heart Institute International. "It cuts across disciplines, and slow, steady progress is being made on all fronts."

Dr. William Devries implanted plastic hearts in the chests of five men, four at Louisville's Humana Hospital-Audubon. The programme was put on hold after the last recipient, photographer Walton Jones Jr., died in January 1988.

The first recipients of the permanent

artificial hearts were plagued by blood clots and strokes. A series of strokes severely debilitated William Schroeder, the Jasper, Indiana, man who survived longer than any other recipient of the Jarvik-7, developed by Dr. Robert Jarvik.

Although scientists have pulled back from experiments using humans as recipients of permanent artificial hearts, the use of mechanical pumps and similar devices as a temporary aid to a failing or diseased heart has become virtually commonplace.



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warns of killings

FRANKFURT, Dec 6, (AP): - The terrorist Red Army Faction asserted in a letter delivered yesterday it had "executed" Deutsche Bank chairman Alfred Herrhausen and warned that no one could hide from its assaults.

In a letter received by a Western news agency in Bonn, the left-wing terrorist group described Herrhausen as Europe's most powerful economic figure and said he had been executed for that reason.

The message address described Herrhausen's plan for resolving the Third World debt crisis as "nothing other than an attempt to ensure long-term domination and plundering."

"There is no place in the world for the leaders of this system and there can be no protection against the attacks of revolutionary guerrilla units," the letter

The letter also demanded that jailed Red Army Faction members be housed together.

The letter was dated Saturday and stamped with the terrorist group's signature star and machine-gun symbol, and sent through the mail with a fictitious return address. The federal prosecutor's office in Karlsruhe said it considered it an authentic claim of responsibility from the Red Army Faction, which had been relatively dormant until the assassination of Herrhausen on

E. Thursday.

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Thatcher is no longer 'invulnerable

LONDON, Dec 6, (AP): Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has defeated an unprecedented challenge to her leadership of the Conservative Party, but was denied the complete triumph her supporters campaigned for, showing that party rebels have fired a significant first warning shot.

She received the votes of 314 of the 374 Tory Members of Parliament, while 33 supported challenger Sir Anthony Meyer, 24 abstained by deliberating spoiling their ballots, and three did not show up to vote. Even though 60 fellow Tories did not vote for her, Mrs Thatcher told reporters the result show "overwhelming support."

Thatcher appeared briefly outside her Downing Street residence to express satisfaction over the result.

Conservative Party chairman Kenneth Baker said she was now secure as leader until the next election, due by 1992.

"What the Conservative Party has decided today is that they want Margaret Thatcher to lead them into the 1990s and into the next general election," he told a television interviewer.

Meyer, 69, a little-known out-

sider, put up his candidacy to

rally opposition to Thatcher's handling of the economy, her

tough style of leadership, and her attitude to the EEC.

contenders to declare their can-

didacy. But no one, including the leading undeclared candidate,

former defence secretary Michael Heseltine, joined the

Thatcher government policies are blamed for an annual infla-

tion rate of 7.3 per cent, a falling

pound and 15-per cent interest

Ordinarily, support by 85 per cent of the majority party would have been regarded as an unas-

sailable vote of confidence. But

in Thatcher's case it provoked

The largely pro-Thatcher tabloid press was jubilant "The

unqualified message is: carry on,

the vote as a sign that Thatcher, the "Iron Lady" who has domin-ated British politics throughout

the 1980s, is no longer invulnerable.
"There is a question mark

floating today above the prime minister which wasn't there a

week ago ... this is a more vul-

nerable prime minister than we

have seen since the days of her Falklands triumph," said the

But other commentators saw

conflicting assessments.

Maggie" said the Sun.

contest.

He had said he was hoping his move would tempt more serious

Until now, the 64-year-old prime minister has been re-elected unopposed every year since becoming Conserative leader in 1975.

UK no to public inquiry

LONDON, Dec 6, (AP): Transport Secretary Cecil Parkinson rejected calls yeserday for a public inquiry into service for a public inquiry into ubing of Pan Am Flight 103,

the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103, relatives of the victims said.

"We are extremely disappointed and very unhappy at the minister's response," said Jim Swire, spokesman for British families of Flight 103, who was one of nine relatives that met with the billions for two hours.

Parkinson for two hours.

His 23-year-old daughter, Flora, was on the Boeing 747 when it blew up over Lockerbie, Scotland Dec 21 killing all 259 people on board and 11 on the ground.

Swire said the relatives want an

inquiry covering security at airports because they feel the disaster should have been prevented.

But he said Parkinson had given the relatives "no hope whatsoever" that the government would ever hold an

inquiry.

"He said the inquiry would not produce the required results and would not be in keeping with normal procedures." Swire said. "We were

reassured that many things are being done to improve airport security alth-ough nothing specific was mentioned."

liberal Guardian, referring to the 1982 war with Argentina. "Les than a vote of full confidence, but less also than a notice to quit... it is a mandate to continue, not much more than that," wrote columnist Peter Jen-

kins in the Independent. The London tabloid newspaper the Daily Mirror, a supporter of the opposition Labour Party which leads the Conservatives by up to 15 points in opinion polls, said Wednesday: Margaret Thatcher's credibility

... was dealt a damaging blow. .. Members of Parliament cast an Even the Daily Telegraph, a

Conservative supporter, said: The result of the Conservative leadership election is unsatisfactory. If ... Mrs Thatcher is to lead her party into the next general election (due by mid-1992), it can be in the interests of no one, but the opposition that she should be seriously weakened in the

But the Times of London, which generally supports her, wrote: "Mrs Thatcher can be satisfied. ... The total of 60 who did not support her constitutes little more than the widely predicted bedrock of dissident feeling -European extremists, disgruntled ex-ministers and others with a grievance of some sort."

Prime Minister Edward Heath as party leader after the Conservatives under him lost the 1974 general election to Labour. She came to power when the Conservatives won the 1979 general election. She is now in her third term as

Mrs Thatcher ousted former

prime minister following Tory victories in the 1983 and 1987 general elections. She is the longest serving prime minister this Political analysts say the way

may now be open for a serious challenge next year from a heavyweight leadership conten-

● Thatcher yesterday moved to dismiss claims that Britain's special relationship with the United States was crumbling.

Gibraltar troops cut

LONDON, Dec 6, (AP): The British army will withdraw its only infantry battalion in Gibral-tar in March 1991, winding down a 285-year presence in the colony, Armed Forces Minister Archie Hamilton said last night.

In a written statement to the House of Commons, he said permanent Royal Navy and Royal Air Force detachments would remain and the Gibraltar Regiment, the local territorial

unit, would be expanded. Hamilton said the current 700man infantry battalion in Gibraltar, the 3rd battalion, Royal Green Jackets, would not be replaced when it completes its

tour of duty in March 1991. But the Ministry of Defence said over 100 army personnel would remain in Gibraltar, mainly in logistics functions.



Gonzalez confirmed as PM

Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez took the path of office for his third straight four-year term today and said he would make no changes in his cabinet, Spanish national radio

The Spanish Parliament approved by one vote Socialist

Felipe Gonzalez for his third-straight term as prime mini-The vote was 167 to 155, with six abstentions -- the bare The radio, citing sources in the prime minister's office said the decision to retain the cabinet came only hours. after Gonzalez, 47, a former labour lawyer look the path of office before King Juan Carlos at the monarch s Zarzuela

Juan Carlos and Gonzalez took part in the forma! opening session of the bicameral Spanish Parliament

British Muslim leader cancels Iran trip out of fear

A happy Thatcher leaves 10 Downing Street after beating Sir Anthony.

LONDON, Dec 6, (AP): A moderate Muslim leader in Britain said yesterday he has can-celled a planned tour of the Middle East to argue for the lifting of Iran's death sentence on British author Salman Rushdie.

Hesham El Essawy, chairman of the London-based Islamic Society for the Promotion of Religious Tolerance, said Iranian authorities had refused to guarantee his safety and

El Essawy had planned a lecture tour in Iran, Egypt and Gulf states to coincide with the first anniversary of Ayatollah Khomeini's Feb 14 call on Muslims to kill Rushdie for allegedly blaspheming Islam in his book, The Satanic Verses.

Iran's semiofficial newspaper Kehan warned in a commentary last week that El Essawy

could be hanged if he visited Iran. "I-decided I can't go and put my life in ... Ell. Essawy 43 said he cancelled his entire danger."

sending somebody after me." "I would try again tomorrow if they guarantee my safety, if I can go in and out (of Iran)," he said in an interview.

El Essawy said he disapproves of the content of "The Satanic Verses" and believes publishers Viking Penguin should fix labels on the book's cover making clear it is fiction. But he said the call for Rushdie's death contradicts the teachings of the Holy Quran. the Islamic holy book.

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Le Pen baits minister on TV

PARIS, Dec 6, (Reuter): French ultra rightist Jean-Marie Le Pen contributed to a major television debate on immigration yesterday with a new anti-Semitic jibe against a government minister, asking him if it was true he held Israeli nationality.

Le Pen first used a work that evoked World War Two Nazi raids, then asked a Jewish minister if he held dual French and Israeli nationality.

Leader of the National Front Party, he has previously described Nazi concentration camps as a minor point of history and pumped on a minister's name and Nazi gas

tine Ockrent after the latest jibe. Le Pen, whose anti-Semitic

comments have in the past boosted his popularity in France rather than diminished it, is celebrating his party's victory in a by-election on Sunday, giving the National Front its only seat in the 577-seat National Assembly.

Le Pen debated immigration with junior Planning Minister Lionel Stolern.

Stoleru, quizzed on the number of illegal immigrants in France, said he had frequently organised police operations to arrest foreig-ners without papers.

Le Pen replied: "Why don't you say raids?" using the French word "rafle," which has clear implica-tions of Nazi German raids on Jews during the occupation of

The right-winger then said: "Is it true that you have dual nationality ... we have the right to know who you are."

The television commentator interrupted, saying: "I think things should be clear because Mr Le Pen is using slightly coded lan-guage. Mr Stoleru, are you Jew-ish?"

The minister, visibly shocked, replied that being Jewish was a religion, not a nationality.

Le Pen, saying Stoleru was president of the Franco-Israeli Chamber of Commerce, said he had been told the minister was also Israeli, but accepted his statement that he was French.

A French television comme tator said Le Pen's apparent baiting of the Jewish minister followed on from his previous anti-Semitic

The Socialist government, shocked by Sunday's National Front victory in the city of Dreex, has been forced to harden its

Prime Minister Michel Rocard condemned the National Front. "For me the National Front Party is political fundamentalis truly incitement to hatred and violence," he said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Falkland talks resume: Argentine and British officials met in Uruguay yesterday to co-ordinate travel and trade issues as both sides

Relations were severed when the two nations fought the 1982 Falk-lands war over islands in the South Atlantic claimed by both sides. Argentine and British military officers met for the first time since the The British delegation was led by David Tatham, director of the

Falkland Islands Department of Britain's Foreign Ministry. Jose M. Otegui, who holds the same post in Argentina's Foreign Ministry, hosted the meeting in Argentina's embassy in Montevideo, Uruguay's capital.

Superpower summit venue: Prime Minister Charles Haughey told parliament yesterday that he had sent formal invitations to the United States and the Soviet Union offering Ireland as a site for a

superpower summit.

The invitations followed a suggestion Haughey made to President Mikhail Gorbachev when the Soviet leader briefly visited Ireland earlier

At this weekend's superpower summit in Malta, US President George Bush invited Gorbachev to Washington in June for the next round of US-

Coulonges wins Chateaubriand prize: The Chateaubriand Literary prize went to Henri Coulonges yesterday for a novel about a young Parisian who settles in the Soviet Union to fight alongside his Russian comrades. "La Lettre a Kirilenko" ("The Letter to Kirilenko,") published by

Stock, was singled out for its historical descriptions and dialogue. The Chateaubriand prize, the last of the major literary awards given this season, goes to a piece of fiction which "contributes to the expression of French culture." (AP)



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Comoros president buried

Two sons of the assassinated president Ahmed Abdallah of Comoros carry their father's casket at his funeral last week. The sons Nissif and Salim Abdallah (1st and 2nd from right), appear in this

picture which was taken from a private video after mercenary-run presidential guard confiscated the original film of funeral. (Reuter wirephoto)

Denard refuses to quit Comoros

MORONI, Comoro Islands, Dec 6, (AP): French mercenary Bob Denard yesterday denied speculation that he assassinated president Ahmed Abdallah Abder-rahman and that he was negotiating to leave the Indian Ocean island nation.

'Why should I leave?" he told journalists during a news con-ference at the headquarters of the 500-man presidential guard he commands. "I am not the assassin of president Abdallah."

Denard acknowledged that South Africa, a major source of foreign investment in the islands. has asked for his departure, but said, "that isn't good enough a reason.

Later, Denard, who has converted to Islam, was jeered by hundreds of residents of Moroni as he left a mosque after saying

prayers.
"Denard is an assassin" and "mercenaries go home" were among the chants from the crowd. It was the first major demonstration against Denard since Abdallah's assassination

on Nov 26. Diplomats said there had been no crackdown or arrests in the aftermath of the killing, but they confirmed that Denard and two dozen white mercenaries under his command were in control of

the country. "The mercenaries ... are in effective control of the security situation, and the South African government is leading efforts to

encourage Bob Denard to go into exile," said the US Charge d'Affairs, Karl Danga. Denard, 60, held his news conference as prosecutors in Paris reopened the case against him for his role in leading a failed coup in

Denard was sentenced to death in absentia by a Benin court in 1987.

the African nation of Benin in

Various diplomatic sources have suggested Denard directed or personally carried out the assassination by firing a rocketpropelled grenade through the window of the presidential palace in the capital of Moroni.

Comoro embassy officials in Paris said the day after the attack that a disgruntled former general of the regular army, Ahmed Mohamed, carried out the slaying. He has not been seen since

the assassination. President Hosni Mubarak. current chairman of the Organisation of African Unity, expressed "deep concern" over the situation in the Comoro Islands and called yesterday for an end to the mercenaries control of the African country.

Peace summit set for Angola

LUANDA, Dec 6, (AP): The government will propose its latest ceasefire plan Dec 21 at a fifth summit of eight African leaders to discuss peace in Angola, the state news agency Angop

reported yesterday.

The agency said the government would present leaders from Congo. Gabon, Mozambique, Sao Tome E Principe, Zaire, Zambia and Zimbabwe with a ceaselire proposal "based on the principles of Gbadolite and respect for Angolan sovereigniv.

A truce in Angola's 14-year civil war was originally agreed to in Gbadolite, Zaire, on June 22, but it collapsed soon afterwards when fighting between Marxist government

forces and Unita guerrillas resumed. Although mediator President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire has since met with Angolan President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos and Unita leader Jonas Savimbi, he hasn't managed to get the opponents back to the negotiating table.

Rebels seize 2 key bases

Cambodia fighting

ARANYAPRATHET, Thailand, Dec 6, (UPI): Non-communist Cambodian resistance forces captured two key military bases of the Vietnamese-backed government in fighting that cost more than 200 casualties, resistance and Thai military officers said

"These are very important victories because they open routes into the interior and show that the enemy is unable to come to the rescue of its forces," said Gen. Dien Del, deputy commander of the Khmer People's National Liberation Armed For-

Dien Del said the most important victory came at Svav Chek. a key military base about 15 miles (25 km) from the Thai-Cam-bodian border that has resisted at least four major resistance assaults in the past two months.

He said the town finally fell just before midnight yesterday after an attack on ten points around the town by some 3,000 resistance troops, including units from forces loyal to Prince Norodom Sihanouk. The guerrilla forces used captured Soviet-made artillery pieces to

pound the town, he said. The United States gives resistance groups both political support and "non-lethal aid." They receive weapons and ammunition from Singapore and China

through Thailand. A Thai military officer at the

border town of Aranyaprathet confirmed the capture of Svay Chek, which the resistance claimed to have taken last month, only to admit their forces were driven back before they could consolidate control of the

Dien Del said his forces lost eight men killed and about 30 ounded in the final attack while he estimated government casualties at more than 100 killed.

He said fleeing government troops left behind a stockpile of about 1,000 weapons.

He said the resistance would continue its offensive while preparing for government counter-attacks expected in the dry season that has just begun.

At the same time a resistance communique said another combined force of more than 1,000 men from the KPNLAF and Sihanoukist forces captured the military base at Treas, about 12 miles (20 km) from the Thai Cambodian border.

It said the combined attack began yesterday and capture of the base was completed earlier this morning.
The guerrilla forces, who have

been on the offensive in western Cambodia since September, captured two Soviet-made T-54 battle tanks, one 122mm artillery piece and seven tonnes of ammunition, the communique

NEWS IN BRIEF

Assemblywoman wins: A Roman Catholic assemblywoman claimed a narrow victory today in a special California state Senate election that attracted national attention after she was denied communion because of her abortion-rights ads.

In north Dakota, voters rejected eight varied proposals on their ballot.
With all 536 of the San Diego county precincts reporting, four-term democratic assemblywoman Lucy Killea led her Republican opponent, freshman assemblywoman Carol Bentley, by 1,528 votes.
But 2,500 of 3,000 absentee ballots remained uncounted, and Bentley declined to concede (AB) declined to concede. (AP)

Doubts over AZT: Doubts were east in London today about the future of the new drug AZT, the only recognised pharmaceutical treatment for Aids, with the publication of results of two sets of research, it

Animal experiments showed the compound could cause cancer in rats

Tests on serum from the patients, reported in the latest issue of the magazine science, showed the Aids virus can develop resistance to the drug.

The research suggests it may halt the spread of the virus only temporarily, the Times newspaper reported. (Kuna)

Virus enters university computer: A virus from abroad has entered a Japanese university's computer for the first time, but caused no major disturbance, an official at Osaka University said yesterday.

The official, Shojiro Sugimoto, said Osaka University, in western Japan, detected the virus on Oct 19 in one of four computers linked to a high energy physics network that also includes the University and there was no major. Europe. The virus was removed immediately and there was no major

damage to the computers, he said.

The Japan Broadcasting Corp. (NHK) reported last night that a virus, apparently from abroad, also was detected in computers at Tokyo University's Atomic Nucleus Research Institute and Tokyo Metropolitan University. There also were no reports of major damage at those two universities, NHK said. (AP)

Meeting on organised crime: About 100 Japanese and US investigators opened a three-day conference today to discuss ways of cracking down on Japanese organised crime, officials said.

Taking part here were 39 officials from 13 US law enforcement

organisations including the FBI, and 61 officials from Japan's National Police Agency and regional police agencies.

The meeting is the sixth of its kind.

The first in 1980 was held to exchange information on Japanese underground organisations, particularly gun smugglers and drug traf-fickers operating through both Japan and the United States. (AP)

JOHANNESBURG, Dec 6, (Reuter): South African police arrested five white extremists yesterday, on the

grounds they may have been members of a private hit

squad dedicated to attacking anti-apartheid activists.

A senior policeman said the five belonged to a dissident

ving of the far-right Afrikaner Resistance Movement

(AWB). They were thought to have drawn up hit-lists featuring anti-apartheid activists and their own former leader, Eugene Terreblanche.

S. African police hold 5 hit squad suspects

ife sought for MP meeting Kin Kim Dae-Jung, head of the opposition Party for Peace and Democracy. Suh was a member of Kim's party when he was arrested on June 28, but then was expelled. Prosecutors accused Kim of receiving money from Suh and of knowing about that failing to report Suh's North Korean Highlig to authorities as required by law. Kim M. "It is unpardonable that the defendant spied for the North Korean communist." regime, which is turning a deaf ear to our In the final day of hearing in the trial, call for peaceful unification and pushing a prosecutors also demanded a 15-year term case in South Korea's recent history.

ded life imprisonment today for a national legislator accused of working as a spy for North Korea in the most serious espionage

Prosecutors said Suh Kyung-Won, a 52year-old opposition lawmaker, violated the National Security Law by secretly vist-ing North Korean leader Kim Il Sung in for the lawmaker's secretary, Pang Yang-Kyun, and suspended sentences for nine

The court was to announce its verdict on

scheme to communise the peninsula through force of arms," said senior.

prosecutor Lee Sang-Hyung. The Suh case became a major political issue after government officials indicted

visit to authorities as required by law, Kim denied the charges.

Protests end

Taiwan offers reforms

TAIPEI, Dec 6, (AP): President Lee Teng-Hui today promised to expand democratic reforms after the ruling Nationalist Party's setback in Taiwan's first multi-party election.

In Saturday's general elections, the Nationalist Party suffered its worst loses in 40 years in power. It lost several key local county executive posts in win-ning 58 per cent of the total vote,

down from 70 per cent in 1986.

"It was a setback for our party
as far as our original goal was
concerned," said Lee, who also
chairs the National set Party.

"The decision made by the voters was not a coincidence." Lee told the party's decision-making Central Standing Committee. "It indicates the various reform measures undertaken by the government in recent years had failed to meet the public's expectations."

Opposition suporters, meanwhile, ended four days of demonstrations against alleged vote fraud after the recounting of ballots from one county race began at the heavily guarded Tainan district court in southern

During the election campaign, the opposition party accused the Nationalists of widespread vote buving and ballot box stuffing.

Those allegations were strongest in Tainan, a largely agricultural county in southern Taiwan, where a Nationalist and an opposition Democratic Progressive Party candidate were in a close race for the county executive post.

Lee said the government had failed to solve such problems as worsening crime, declining social morale and "the authorities" declining credibility." He said these problems would be targetted by new reforms.

"We must learn our lesson from the setback. We must not hesitate any more," Lee said. We are more sure of our way and will take faster and more positive steps" towards various political and other reforms.

Lee has pushed for the retirement of hundreds of elderly lawmakers who dominate the legislature and the national assembly, the electoral college. Recount

These legislators were elected on the Chinese mainland before the Nationalists fled to Taiwan in 1949 after the communists' victory. They have been kept in office to support the Nationalists' claim to be the sole legitimate ruler of all of China.

Earlier in Tainan, about 2,000 demonstrators occupied a section of a freeway and stopped traffic for an hour today to protest the slow pace of a recount there, stalled by the slow trans-portation of ballot boxes from eight villages, police and witnes-

Muldoon undergoes operation AUCKLAND, Dec 6, (Reuter):

Minister Sir Robert Muldoon has had a heart valve replaced after a bacterial infection put him in a critical condition, his wife said today. Lady Thea Muldoon said in a

statement that Muldoon, 67, underwent the operation at an Auckland Hospital on Sunday. His heart condition was now stable, although there was still some concern about his kidneys.

The announcement broke a three-day news blackout imposed by Muldoon himself, whom hospital officials said had been angered by media coverage

bombings and violent crimes, but I would not want to go into details at this stage," Major-General Herman Stadler

The five AWB dissidents have not been charged. South

African security laws allow police to hold detainees

indefinitely without charging them.

About 60 murders of anti-apartheid activists committed

since 1978 remain unsolved. Allegations by ex-policementhat officially-sanctioned death squads were behind many

of them have embarrassed the government.

Tokyo protestors held

RIOT police arrested four leftist radicals vesterday for. throwing firebombs to protest the planned expansion of Tokyo's international airport, officials said.

That brought the number of radicals arrested to seven since Monday, when about 5,000 riot police began to remove one of 10 huts built illegally on the site of the planned second runway of the New Tokyo International Airport, 65 kms (40 miles) northeast of Tokyo, officials of the Chiba prefectural police said.

Yesterday, five anti-airport radicals atop four towers, each 15 metres (50 feet) high, continued to hurl firebombs

and bricks at riot police before officers overpowered them.
The police actions were nationally televised.
The towers were to be demolished tale in the day, said a prefectural police official, speaking on continuous official.

Riot police fought back with our water cannot and used cranes to lower steel cages over the towers to block projectiles hurled by the radicals. Picture shows riot police

Japan polls on 'Feb 18'

-Kaifu support growing

TOKYO, Dec 6, (Agencie Japan's next general election for . saying that voting would most ... the lower house of Parliament is likely to be held on Sunday Feb local newspaper reported

Major newspapers said the date circulated after Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu's government and the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) leaders

agreed a political schedule for The Yomiuri newspaper likely be on that day, probably after a dissolution of the lower

An LDP official said there would be no official date until the prime minister formally decided

But he added: "What we now consider most likely is Feb 18. Voting has been usually set for a lucky day and Feb 18 (is) that."

his ruling Liberal Democratic Party has recovered steadily in opposition groups, a leading daily reported today.

The Tokyo Shimbun said a nation-wide poll taken Saturday and Sunday showed that approval rating for Kaifu and his cabinet stood at 45.6 per cent, up 2.6 points from 43.0 per cent in the previous survey in October.

Mixed reaction to summit

Socialism China's fate

BEIJING, Dec 6, (UPI): Six months after the crackdown on the democracy movement, a senior government official has vowed that China will continue to uphold socialism as a "historical trend which cannot be stopped," the state-run press

reported today.

In a forceful reiteration of the government's hardline, Yuan Mu the spokesman for the State Council, China's cabinet, characterised last spring's student-led protests for greater freedom and the ensuing crackdown as "a political struggle of shocking severity."
But he said the Chinese leader-

ship is united and has the full trust of the people in its ability to uphoid socialism. This is a historical trend

which cannot be stopped, and whoever tries to stop the trend shall meet certain defeat," Yuan Yuan's comments were made

in a public address yesterday and reported today in the Communist Party newspaper People's Daily.

The spring protests, which began on university campuses and spread nationwide, exposed deep splits among China's top leaders, some of whom opposed a tough line against the prote-Aging hardliners won and ous-

ted then-communist party chief Zhao Ziyang, the architect of many of the past decade's economic reforms, on charges he supported the movement. The government called in the army on June 3 to sweep away

demonstrators from Beijing's Tiananmen Square. Hundreds and perhaps thousands were killed when troops fired on unar-Western nations suspended

government lending in protest. China's troubled economy has suffered from the halt in funds and a sharp drop in tourism after June, but Yuan reiterated the official line that the country can overcome all obstacles through

China today released its first official reaction to the US-Soviet summit but conflicting commentaries indicated disagreement over what Beijing's assessment

The official New China News Agency compared relations between Washington and Moscow to the "raging gales and choppy waters" of the Mediterranean where President George Bush and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev met off the island Malta. "While trumpeting on

'detente' during the summit, the two leaders have hardly eliminated the deep-rooted divisions and suspicions between them," the agency said in a commentary headlined "a summit on rough

There was no move towards cutting naval forces, no agreement on conflicts in Central America and Afghanistan, "nor did they sing in the same tune on other knotty problems such as the future of the two Germanys," the agency said.

Serbia, Slovenia: conflict deepens

republics is deepening and an economic boycott of Slovenian goods has been in effect since Friday when general managers of Serbia's 130 major stateowned companies decided to stop all business and economic co-operation" with Slovenian

Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic yesterday said his state will not re-establish ties with Slovenia's current "conservative

and aggressive" leaders.
In his brief inaugural address at Serbia's parliament in Bel-grade, Milosevic said Serbia meant it "seriously" when the Serbian Socialist Alliance today called on all political and econ-omic organisations to sever All activities and sever All sections and sever All sections in retaining the section and section an for Slovenian refusal to allow 10 tens of thousands of militant Serbs to travel to Ljubliana and stage an anti-Slovenian mass

Winnerous Serbian companies : O broke business contracts with 200 Slovenian firms and some even removed Slovenian-made goods from shelves in Belgrade stores.

In apparent outbreaks of >2 nationalistic feelings, fanned by settle state-controlled Serbian is news media, at least three shop :5 windows of Slovenian companies were broken with stones by 🔣 unknown assailants in Beigrade and in the Serbian town of Nis, in 😕 eastern Yugoslavia, newspaper reports said.

In what was described as a si severable of mubacereless subject the several statement of the several didates in mid-November, ~!! about 95 per cent of voters in io

Serbia chose Milosevic, according to Serbian officials. Milosevic, 48, was re-elected R head of state of Serbia, the big- u gest of Yugoslavia's six states, u for a four-vear term.

In yesterday's parliamentary si secret ballot, 293 delegates voted in for Milosevic, 10 voted for 12 Mihalj Kertes, one of Milosevic's in staunchest aides, and five votes were invalid, the officials said. Milosevic accused the leader-

ship of Slovenia, the richest and most liberal state in the loose in Yugoslav federation, of opposing the "forces of progress in Tyugoslavia and specially of progressive political and economic changes in Serbia." He described the Slovenian is

eadership, despite the fact that it is the only one in Yugoslavia that advocates a change from the current single-party regime to a w multi-party system, as the protector of conservatism in Yugoslavia and one of the last protectors of conservatism in socialist countries in general."

The current political leadership of Slovenia not only insults the dignity of people but it also dignity Slovenian part of the Yugoslav state," he said. An earthquake measuring

4.9 on the open-ended Richter Scale shook much of Yugoslavia's coastal region of Dalmatia earlier today, the state Tanjug news agency reported.
It said the quake, whose epicentre was located near split is on the Adriatic Coast, was felt

Yugoslavia. Yugoslav dissident Milovan Djilas said today that he has won a literary award for a translation of John Milton's "Paradise Lost" done in jail on toilet paper.

along a large part of western

Chinese student movement wins human rights prize



Li Lu and Wu'er Kaixi (right) at the Reebok award. (Reuter wirephoto)

BOSTON, Dec 6, (UPI): The Chinese student movement, which sparked last spring's deadly fight for freedom of expression and democracy in Beijing, yesterday was awarded one of three 1989 international Reebok Human Rights Awards.

To a standing ovation, as other recipients stood mistyeyed, Chinese student movement leaders Li Lu, 23, and Wu'er Kaixi, 20 said they accepted their awards "on behalf of the hundreds of thousands of students who belong to the democracy movement in China."

The other named recipients from China were Chai Ling, 24, presumed to be either dead or in hiding, and Wang Dan, 24, who is now imprisoned and believed to have been tortured by his government.

The second annual awards, totalling \$100,000, were presented by rock star Sting and former Olympic athlete Rafer Johnson at historic Faneuil Hall.

The other recipients are: - Dawat Lupung 25, a native of the endangered Malaysian rainforest who has railied his Penan people to form human blockades to battle government sponsored logging that is destroying their homeland. (\$10,000 to the Sarawak Penans Associa-

tion). - Mercedes Doretti, 30, and Luis Fondebrider, 25, of Argentina's forensic anthropology team, whose exhumations of thousands of people who "disappeared" during their country's peared" during their country's military reign of terror from 1976-1983 brought truth to

Bush-Quayle differences played down

Malta summit enables US President to look ahead for budget savings

WASHINGTON, Dec 6, (AP). The White House, dealing with reaction from the Malia summit, attempted to quell criticism from conservatives yesterday and play down any differences between President George Bush and Vice-President

Dan Quayle on the Soviet Union. On another summit topic, the administration said the meeting enabled Bush to look ahead to possible budget savings two years from now as a result of likely arms reductions.

White House Press Secretary Marlin Fitzwater said that if an agreement is signed next year to slash long-range nuclear missiles, "I think that could have an impact, certainly" on the budget that would be submitted the following January.

Bush, on his first day back in the Oval Office, got a standing ovation from his cabinet, summoned to the White House for a report on his two days of talks with Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

Bush ignored questions from reporters about Quayle, who has offered a more guarded and sceptical post-summit assessment of the Soviets than Bush has.

Quayle, in an interview with the Washington Post newspaper published yesterday, called the Soviet Union "a totalitarian government and said I don't think they've changed much in foreign

Bush, on the other hand, said after the summit: "We stand at the threshold of a brand new era of US-Soviet relations." He also said Gorbachev's endorsement of reforms in Eastern Europe "absolutely mandates new thinking" by the West.

Explaining the difference, Bush's National Security Adviser, Brent Scow-croft, said, "we have an administration that is very closely aligned but I think it probably not possible for people to speak iterally with one voice."

"And there may from time to time be difference of perspective but there's no difference in the substance of the policies we're pursuing.'

For months, Quayle has voiced a harder line than Bush toward the Soviet Union. It has been suggested the vice-president was deliberately playing to the conservatives as part of a White House strategy to keep But Quayle said yesterday that "there's

no good guy, bad guy strategy" between himself and Bush.

Quayle, in an interview with knight-ridder newspaper editors and reporters, tempered his comments to the post, saying he should have called the Soviet Union an authoritarian, rather than a totalitarian,

Quayle credited the Soviets and remarkable changes in economic reforms and their campaign of openness, known as glasnost. "Where there has been a lack of 'new thinking' on the part of the Soviet Union is in the area of foreign policy, and particularly in Central America," the vice-



Bush is applianced as he enters the cabinet room for his first cabinet meeting since returning from Matt summit. (Reuter wirephoto)

Krenz resigns: Appeal for calm

E.German party congress on Friday

EAST BERLIN, Dec 6, (AP): President Egon Krenz resigned today and was replaced by Manfred Gerlach, a non-communist, Gerlach said

It is the first time a non-communist has held the nation's top government post.

Under previous communist governments, the Post of President had been largely ceremonial, but it was unclear whether the presidency would have a more important role in the current turnoil shaking the

Crowds of citizens already 1 have been surrounding and in some cases forcing their way into secret police buildings in an effort to stop the destruction of documents needed in prosecuting officials of the former leader-

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The Communist Party scheduled an emergency Congress for Friday to revamp its structure after two wholesale leadership changes in the past

seven weeks a to implications on the On Oct. 18, Krenz neplaced 21 Honecker as Communist Party chief and began implementing reforms designed to stem a growing pro-democracy movement. Reforms included previously unthinkable actions as allowing unrestricted travel to the West, stipping the constitution of provisions guaranteeing the communists in the leading role in society and promising free elec-

Gerlach said he would serve as President until the Parhament elects a permanent head of state. Reflecting the political crisis in the country, Gerlach said he was not happy about taking on the

new duties. Meanwhile, the entire defence council, also headed by Krenz, resigned. The council commands

the armed forces. Krenz has now resigned all his posts. He quit as Communist Party chief on Sunday, along with ruling Politburo and the

entire central committee. A temporary committee of reformers was set up on Sunday to run the party until it holds the

special congress.

Krenz had been the target of growing criticism, both within

the party and among opposition A one-sentence ADN dispatch gave no official reason for Krenz's resignation, although

Krenzhad been virtually without power since stepping down as Communist Party general

ADN also said an amnesty had been declared, but gave no other

The communists moved their emergency Congress up to Friday, a week before the originally scheduled date.

ADN said the Congress will propose a "radical" reformation of the party into a "modern socialist party committee to

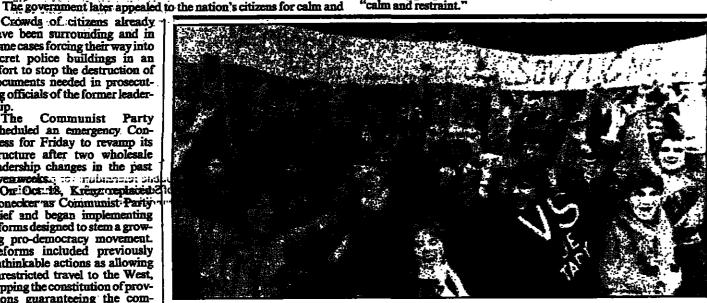
democratic socialism." There already has been widespread talk of renaming the Communist Party, while the leadership itself has warned it faces a possible breakup.

The congress must make a final break with the Stalinist system" and put the party on an even footing with other political forces, ADN said.

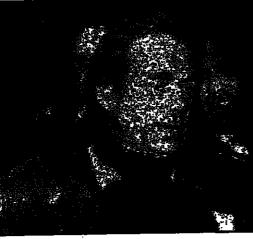
said there were indications that army installations had been stormed in a mounting reprisal against abuses of the former hard-line leadership of

"In the last few hours, there have been growing indication of stormings of facilities and installations of the National People's Army," the government said in a statement distributed by the official

It did not specify where the assaults might have taken place or say how many people were involved. The government statement called for



Czech students scream as they encourage traffic passing the prime minister's offices to sound their horns in support of their strike against the government. (Reuter wirephoto)



Havel leaves the government house after meeting



A Czech student arrives in a large cardboard box to

Forum to vet govt

Prague will have new cabinet

PRAGUE, Dec 6, (Reuter): Cze-choslovak Prime Minister Ladislav Adamec will announce a new government on Friday after approval by the country's pro-democracy move-

ment, opposition leader Vaclav Havel said today. Havel spoke at a news conference after emergency talks with Adamec and Communist Party leader Karel Urbanek aimed at resolving a three-

week political crisis. He said Adamec would show his list of ministers to the Civic Forum opposition movement before mak-

ing it public.

The new government will replace one formed only last Sunday and. rejected by the opposition because 16 of its 21 members were communists: The communist leadership agreed to change the government after Civic

Forum threatened a general strike Havel did not say whether Civic

Forum wanted to nominate ministers of its own rather than independent experts.

But political sources said the opposition, which had earlier excluded Civic Forum ministers, had They said workers' representative

Peter Miller and Slovak Catholic activist Jan Czarnogursky were among those Civic Forum wanted Adamec to include. Czechoslovak state radio said

Havel and an opposition delegation handed Adamec a list of names this morning and had been asked to The earlier cabinet formed by

Adamiec was regarded as unrepresen-

tative of the balance of political forces following the Communist Party's surrender of its political monopoly Civic Forum has shown during a

campaign of demonstrations and a previous general strike that it can mobilise the support of millions, The rejected government con-tained only three independent mini-

sters and one each from the Socialist and People's parties. A sign that the Communist Party was preparing to back down came yesterday when a new Czech regional

government was announced with a Civic Forum still has a deadline of December 10 for the resignation of hardline President Gustav Husak after he swears in the new govern-

calls for general strike

Sakharov

MOSCOW, Dec 6, (AP): The question of reducing the Communist Party's role as the "guiding force" of Soviet life is not on the agenda for the next Congress of people's deputies, but Vice President Anatoly I. Lukyanov said yesterday that deputies could raise the issue if they want to.

Meanwhile, a group of Soviet legislators led by human rights activist Andrei Sakharov has suggested calling for a general strike to protest the Communist Party's leading role.

However, the call for a one- or two-hour strike sometime the week before the next session of the Congress has not been publicized. Nor has it been promoted extensively by activists speaking at factories, as happened in Czechoslovakia with a similar symbolic strike to demand political

The proposal for a Soviet strike was made last weekend by six deputies at a meeting of the interregional deputies group, an organ-isation of several hundred leg-islators who favour faster and more radical reforms. The small group hopes to put the question of rescinding the Soviet constitution's article 6 on the agenda of the

The section makes the party the "leading and guiding force of Soviet society." Eliminating it would reduce the party's grip on all spheres of life.

.The Supreme Soviet working legislature, a branch of the Congress, voted in early November to place the question on the congressional agenda, but the proposal failed by a narrow margin.

Czechoslovakia, East Ger-

many, Poland and Hungary all recently rescinded similar provisions in their constitutions granting special status to their comist parties.

Lukyanov told a news briefing that economics would dominate the debates when the Congress meets for the second time since it was created last December.

The Congress is the centrepiece of President Mikhail Gorbachev's political reforms. Its 2,250 denoties were elected last March in the country's first competitive elections in more than 70 years.

Lukyanov, asked if there was some procedure that would allow the issue to be raised, said, "the Congress is the highest body in the country and can take a decision on whatever it wants. They can do as

they see fit." He said the agenda, as approved by the Supreme Soviet, will include mine items, including the economy, changes in the electoral laws, and a report on work being done to combat organised

"The economy is the major item," he said, and a full report on efforts to stabilise and improve the ailing economy will be delivered by Premier Nikolai Ryzhkov for Lukyanov said four days had

been set aside for the economic Unlike the first session of the

Congress, which began May 25 and was televised live every day for two weeks, the next session will only be shown in taped version in

the evening.

Lukyanov said hundreds of thousands of workers stayed at home to watch the new Congress at work. "Some 20 per cent in Labour production was lost because of live coverage," he said.

Mitterrand meeting Gorby

Talks on Europe's future

KIEV, USSR, Dec 6, (AP): French President Francois Mitterrand arrived in the capital of the Soviet Ukraine today for a brief "working summit" with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev focusing on the future of Europe.

The official news agency Tass said in a brief dispatch that Gorbachev greeted Mitterrand at the Kiev airport.

Hours before Mitterrand's arrival, a top Soviet official expressed Kremlin opposition to letting East and West Germany decide themselves if they want to reunify. Mitterrand and the United States have said the decision belongs to the German people.

The German question "is the heritage of World War II, which affected the fates of all European countries and many others," said Andrei Grachev, deputy chief of he Communist Party Central Committee's international department. "The best and wisest resolution of the matter can be attained through the participation of several parties."

Grachev said Germany's future would be discussed during Mitterrand's six-hour visit to Kiev. The meeting is the two leaders' fifth and was proposed by Mitterrand so the Soviet president could report on the Dec 2-3 Malta superpower summit and hear Mitterrand express the European Economic Community's willingness to aid the movement toward greater democracy in Fastern

Mitterrand holds the revolving chairmanship of the EEC, the 12-nation West European trade block, and is striving for greater unity as well as solidarity with the wave of reform that in recent months has swept away old guard communist leaders in East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Bulgaria

Mitterrand's spokesman, Hubert Vedrine, called the Kiev encounter "an important step at an oppor-Mitterrand also will visit the Pechorskaya monas-

tery, a system of caves once occupied by monks recently returned to the Russian orthodox church by the Soviet government, and St Sophia's, an 11thcentury jewel of Russian architecture. Gorbachev and Mitterrand will hold a 40-minute

joint news conference, and the French leader and his entourage then will fly back to Paris.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Party role an open question: Bulgaria's new communist leader indicated yesterday that the Communist Party's leading role is an open question as be initiates reforms.

"This will have to be decided upon by the Bul-

garian people," Petar Mladenov told a news conference in Moscow. He was asked about a section of the Bulgarian constitution that gives communists the leading role in Bulgarian society.

"It's difficult for me to predict in what particular way this issue will be resolved, but I foresee changes in

the constitution," Mladenov added. (AP)

Tadeusz Mazowiecki, who on Monday became the first non-communist government chief to take part in a Warsaw Pact summit, says he is glad the alliance condemned its 1968 invasion of Czechoslovakia at

Mazowiecki, a Solidarity activist and former political prisoner who became prime minister Aug 24, represented Poland at the meeting along with Communist President Wojciech Jaruzelski and non-communist Foreign Minister Krzysztof Skubiszew-

Berlin Wall goes on sale: Fragments of the Berlin Wall will soon be up for sale in Canadian gift stores at \$10 apiece.

"At the price we have them, they're basically an impulse item," said Kevin Talbot of Fai Trading Co. of Toronto. "I've heard of prices going as high as \$40 an ounce." (Reuter)

Solution to convent problem: Construction is expected to begin next year on an ecumenical centre to house nuns now living in a controversial convent outside the former Auschwitz concentration camp, leaders of the American Jewish Congress said

Robert K. Lifton, president of the New Yorkbased organisation, and Henry Siegman, its executive director, said their discussions this week with Roman Catholic Primate Cardinal Jozef Glemp and the Krakow Archbishop, Cardinal Franciszek Macharski, showed a firm commitment to complete

Dispute holding up CFE treaty: A dispute between Greece and Turkey may prevent Western allies from tabling a draft treaty at East-West talks on Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) before next year, Nato diplomats and officials say. Negotiators, already trying to cope with a delay in

presenting the treaty and under pressure from gover-nments to move faster, have so far failed to settle the row between the two Nato members over the Turkish port of Mersin. (Reuter)

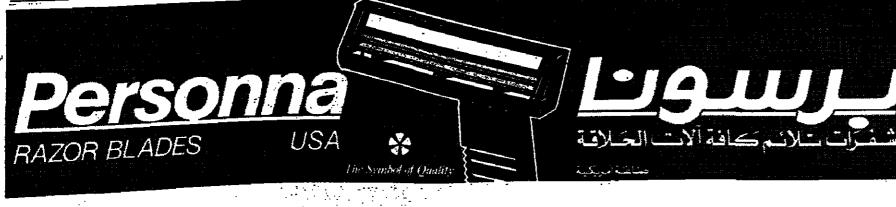
Cold war ended: Waldheim: Austrian President Kurt Waldheim said yesterday the cold war finally ended when Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and US President George Bush met in Malta.

At a news conference during an official visit to

Tunisia, Waldheim said the summit meeting between the Soviet and US leaders "was very positive and the cold war has finally ended." (Reuter)

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Study recommends more residential areas near Capital

Priority to married couples, large families

THE Construction Research and Studies Team at the Amiri Diwan has called, in a study prepared recently, for the reconsideration of the Kuwait Housing Masterplan to provide new lands close to the capital.

The study stressed that citizens appreciated the plot-loan policy, and the flat-type housing units would gain acceptance among citizens if flat-type housing complexes were constructed in outstanding areas in the country and

were built not to exceed three floors. The study also called for the construction of integrated towns along the southern and northern coastal areas. It also recommended the application of the urgency in lieu of seniority to deter-

mine the priority of allocating houses.

The study, which was submitted for consideration to the Higher Housing Council, stressed the need of priority for married applicants and those with big families for the distribution of land-

The study also highlighted the need to consider the families which receive housing allowances, or occupying dilapitated houses and low-income applicants for early distribution of houses. It said that when applicants share similar circumstances then the principle of seniority would be used to determine the scale of priority.

The study recommended that the plots distributed in locations close to the capital should have an area of 350 square metres and those distributed in distant locations should have an area of 500 square metres. The study also stressed the need to decide on a fixed area in order to avoid unfavourable effects on the contracting or service sector due to the large number of distributed land-

The study called for the development

and Savings Bank in order to be better able to provide consultant, professional and legal services to citizens who build their own houses, underlining the need to encourage the involvement of the private sector, both the investment and contracting companies, in the participation of building houses for the

The study said that the flat-type housing units would meet with the

citizens' satisfaction if the related complexes were built in distinguished locations in the country and constructed not to exceed three floors high. Care however, should be taken to separate bedrooms from the living quarters and provide independent entrances to the housing units if this was technically

The study also stressed the importance of insulating each housing unit against noise and providing special quarters for live-in maids and a spacious play area for children.

The study also recommended the use of an easy monthly-instalment policy and financial incentives to encourage applicants to accept living in the flattype units, while offering them the chance to choose their neighbours.

The study also stressed the need to provide units with varying designs and cost and to offer citizens the chance to pick and choose what is best for them.

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Handicapped

RELIABLE sources at the General Traffic Administra-

tion (GTA) said that it now allows all handicapped per-

sons to get learner's licence (istimara) and to exchange the driving licence they carry

from other countries without

any restriction except that they must bring with them a

medical certificate from the

Ceasefire not panacea for economic ills

Kuwait ports lose out in trade: expert

Arab Times staff
UNDOUBTEDLY, the end of the Iran-Iraq war has had a great positive psychological impact on the local economic environment, a senior financial expert said.

Kuwait has lost the competitive edge in the volume of trade that it had enjoyed during the 1970s and early 1980 in relation to being the main outlet for Iraq's trade, according to Dr A. Al Ameen, head of the Financial Department at the Gulf Bank.
Speaking at the second econ-

omic meeting for 1989 held yesterday by the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, for representatives of German companies operating here. Ameen explained that Kuwait's loss is attributed to the increasing importance of the Al Aqaba Port in Jordan and the resulting increase in the port's absorptive capacities — both in Iraq and Saudi Arabia. Here, the official said: "It should be added that due to its proximity to the Iranian port of Bandar Abbas, Dubai has become the main trade outlet

THE commander of the Wafra Area Col Attall Al

Farhan has called on all citizens and residents in the

area to stay away from oil installations during their

He warned against the setting up of tents close to

high-security areas, pointing out that failing to

abide by these instructions would entail security

intervention and that their tents would be removed

Speaking to a local daily, he said that the Wafra

on grounds of security considerations.

tic developments and prospects for the near future, Ameen said that Kuwait's economic development over the last four decades has been associated with oil exports. Increasing oil revenues have been the major source of finance for development projects. Changes in oil demand in the world market have dic-tated the direction of economic activities in the domestic market, the official said.

Revitalisation

However, Ameen said that as far as the internal factors are concerned it should be exphasised that although investment opportunities are very limited, there are various policy measures that could be taken to revitalise the domestic economy.

The official said that it is to be lamented that there is an almost complete dependency on imports of consumer and capital goods. This is attributable to a very weak productive base of the nonoil sector. The contribution of industrial production (excluding oil refining) does not exceed five

Campers warned not to

approach security areas

Ameen said. He added that dependence on expatriate workers accounts for more than 75 per cent of the labour force.

Elucidating, he said that due to the lack of other natural resources and a small population base with limited manpower resources, the absorptive capacity of the Kuwaiti economy has become very limited. This is usually reflected in both low rates of investment to GDP about 14 per cent and to national savings about 25 per cent.

Translated, he said that this means that domestic investment absorbs no more than 25 per cent of total national savings, forcing policy-makers to look for investment opportunities abroad.

Ameen also talked about the four stages of development in the Kuwaiti economy during the fifties, sixties, seventies and eight-

Specifically commenting he said: "I am inclined to think that the end of the war is not a panacea for all the problems which the Kuwaiti economy has suf-

police headquarters would deploy security patrols

around camping sites and provide law-enforcement

officers to maintain peace and order in the area. He

called on citizens and residents to fully comply with

He pointed out that traffic accidents tend to

increase in the area around roundabouts and in

certain internal streets and outside farm entrances,

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schools of the Ministry of Education. From the figure, a total of ing to statistics issued by the planning department at Kuwait's Ministry of Education on Public Education for the academic year 1989/1990.

Agreement to protect Islamic thought

istry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Mohammed Naser Al Hamdhan met in his office Tuesday with his Iraqi counterpart Dr Mohammed Sharif Ahmad. The Iraqi official said the meeting focused on ways to develop cooperation on Islamic affairs between Kuwait and Iraq and a joint agreement had been concluded to confront the dangerous currents that face Islamic

Ahmad said that this visit to Kuwait is intended to provide him and the visiting delegation to study different activities of Kuwait Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs and its famous projects like the Figh Encyclopaedia and the monthly magazine Al Waai Al Islami.

Ahmad pointed out that Iraqi Ministry of Awqaf and Religious Affairs carried out seveal important projects in the Islamic world like spreading Islamic heritage and Islamic books. He added that the Saddam University for Islamic Sciences began its first academic year this year. It admitted 100 Iraqi students and 50 Muslim students from different countries. Originally, 100 Muslim students were supposed to be admitted but some countries delayed sending their students. He hoped that univer-sity will complete the requirements of its teaching staff

Kuwaiti pupils

ABOUT 383,008 pupils study in



Thai King's birthday celebrated

The Thai Ambassador to Kuwait Sukhum Rasmidatta Tuesday hosted a reception to celebrate the birthday of the King of Thailand. The reception, held at the Meridien Hotel, was attended by a large number of diplomats and Kuwaiti officials. Picture shows Rasmidatta welcoming Mrs Zahid Saeed wife of the Pakistani ambassador. Also seen in the picture are Zahid Saeed and Mrs Rasmidatta.

KIMS established to train Kuwaiti physicians: Rifai

THE Kuwait Institute for Medical Specialisations was established to train Kuwaiti physicians, according to Dr Abdulla Al Rifai, secretary-general of the

Giving a brief on training guidelines, the official said that basically such training is imparted in three of its physicians are studying in this programme and the stages: the first which lasts for one year is imparted for institute intends to attribute the group of physicians as basic training after graduation, the second which lasts for three to five years is considered as specialised programmes related to family medicine, surgery, internal diseases and nuclear medicine - the last being the first of its kind in the Arab world.

Additionally, the institute extends other majors and programmes like anaesthetisation, intensive care and lab medicine which is the first training programme held outside the UK, including programmers leading to and qualifying for diplomas in pediatrics. The institute will also offer new programmes in gynaecology, orthopaedics, society medicine and skin diseases.

The third stage is advocated as the continuous education and follow up on the latest development in all branches of medicine. In this respect, the institute organises seminars and workshops to cover all medical specialisations — besides the information centre that is connected with the American Library which provides the latest publications on different branches of medicine.

Evaluation Physicians attending the courses are provided evaluation cards at the institute and those who fail to obtain a certain level in their evaluation will have to repeat the training course, the official said.

Rifai said that there is no discrimination between Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti physicians in training -all are subject to the same programmes. Training centres of the institute are located in Mubarak Al Kabeer and other hospitals of Kuwait.

The institute supervises specialised courses and exams to grant degrees instituted by the British and Irish Royal Colleges. The institute also organises the fellowship degree of the Royal College of Surgeons

The institute also organises programmes of lab

sciences. This is the first programme approved by the British Royal College to be held out of the UK and speaks volumes for the high level of labs of Kuwaiti hospitals, the official said.

Elucidating,, he said that presently eight into the programme. The certificates and degrees of the institute are now well recognised and graduates do not face any problem in joining any faculty in Kuwait or other Arab countries.

The specialised programmes are open to all physicians in the GCC states and the Arab Peninand physicians from Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and Yemen are studying at the institute, Rifai said.

There are a total of 200 physicians being trained in different majors at the institute. The budget of the institute totals KD1.1 million-81 percent of which is spent on scientific activities and courses, while 18.7 per cent is spent on administrative and public

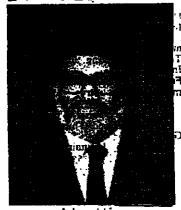
Rifai pointed out that trainees who want to join the institute should pass the basic training course and should then pass a personal interview. Admissions to each course are subject to certain condition such as available seats, adequate teaching staff and

Meanwhile, the assistant secretary-general of the institute, Dr Saleh Al Kandiri said that the programme of continuous education for physicians or 1990/1991 includes several courses and seminars specially courses on using computers and statistics in medicine, researches at the health services department, a seminar on civil injuries, seminar on diseases of the respiratory system and many other

seminars in different medical topics.

The specialised programme of surgery attracted 68 physicians and (four graduated), 35 physicians joined the internal diseases programme (three graduated), 27 physicians joined the pediatrics programme, 30 on family medicine programmes, 30 on radiation, eight in anaesthetisation programmes, 14 in nuclear medicine and 16 in the labs programme, Kandiri quoted statistics as indicating.

club for the Handicapped. The decision aims at providing more facilities for movement of citizens and expatriates. The GTA is studing the modalifies of providing other categories of people who urgently need driving



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the Kerala Wakf Board is due to

Izzuddeen, who is also the gen eral convenor of south Kerala's Jamaat-e-Islami and the Trivandrum Muslim Association, will meet with Muslim scholars and

Organisers of his visit to Kuwait have arranged a recep-tion for him at the airport. He arrives on Air-India's direct flight from Trivandrum

Services in 260 cities to be upgraded

RIYADH, Dec 6, (Kuna): A series of well-organised plans are being worked out to draft an integrated Arab future policy based on scientific bases for 260 cities in member states of the Rivadh-based Arab Institute for Development of Arab towns. which next year enters into a decade of fine services for the development of Arab metropolises and provision of municipal and public utility services in the Arab world.

This was disclosed here yesterday by Dr Mohammad Abdullah Al Hammad, the institute's director-general, who affirmed that the institute has managed to fill remarkably the vaccum in urban and municipal fields, thanks to the great facilities provided by government of cus-todian of the Two Holy Mosques King Fahd Ibn Abdulaziz.

He said the institute has organised many symposiums, conferences, lectures and training courses and conducted several studies and researches in townplanning and municipal services as well as facilitated translation of researches, articles and studies concerning municipal and urban

The Saudi government has undertaken the responsibility to ensure adequate spendings of the institute, a scientific and technical affiliate of the Arab Town Organisation, ever since the establishment of the institute in

Urdu lecture

TWO Muslim scholars Hakim Mahmoud Siharanpuri from Pakistan and Mohammed Yousef Islahi from India will give a lecture for women in Urdu. The lecture will be held at Dar Al Ouran Al Karim in Farwaniya, today. (Thursday) after Asr

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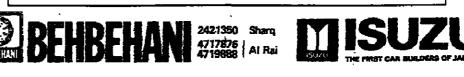
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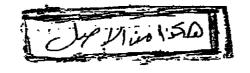
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Steps to re-activate economy

State, private teams co-ordinate

FOLLOWING is the full text of the report by the Joint Economic Comsion formed under instructions by His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah tostudy ways of activating the national economy and improving the effectiveness of the Difficult Credit Clearing Programme (DCCP). Presmble

In accordance with the concerns of His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah (may God preserve him) to adopt needed measures to activate the economy in the country, and in accordance with HH's instructions during the meeting held in Al Shaab Palace on January 30, 1989, the Chamber of Commerce and industry, as a representative of the private sector, presented a report entitled: "Kuwaiti Economic Sectors: Prime Obstacles and Means of Overcoming Them. The government, for its part, presented another report expressing its views on Current Economic Situation and Measures to Activate the Economy. Fulfilling HH's directions, a joint commission was formed and

included in its membership: From the government: Sheikh Salem Abdelaziz Saud Al Sabah - Governor of the Central

Abdel Mohsin Y. Al Hnaif - Finance Undersecretary.

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Industry. Abdullah A. Al Qabandi — Chairman of the Kuwaiti Company for Trade. Contracting and Foreign From the Chamber of Com-

merce and industry: Abdelrazaq Khalid Al Khalid Abdel Mohsin Faisal Al Thuwaini Ali Mohammed Thunayan Al

Hlal Mshari Al Mutairi. This commission was charged with studying the two reports submitted to HH on the economic activity in the country to prepare a unified report that includes proposals and ideas that would enable the government to

enhance and mobilise the economy. To that effect, the joint commis-sion held five meetings at the Central Bank during the period from November 11 to 26 attended by all members except Hlal Al Mutairi who only attended the last meeting because of his previous engagements outside the country. The meetings consumed more than 20 working hours, during which the commission discussed in detail various reports, and ended in putting up this report unanimously. The commission urges the fast implementation of these recommendations with a priority for implementing proposals on the

Contents of the report

The report begins with a brief introduction on the basic features of the current economic situation. Its first part deals with a group of basic recommendations and proposals related to the desired style of improving the economy in general. The second part focuses on a group of recommendations on improving performance of each economic sector and overcoming existing obstacles and problems. The last part deals primarily with the DCCP whose recommendations represent another entrance to activate the national

Introduction The primary teatures of the current situation of the economy

country's economic administration with the aim of enhancing local economic activity and bolster the development process to cope with the ensure steady progress, the economy in Kuwait was able to step forward in the past three years both internally and externally, a matter that led to improvement in performance of local economic activities.

In the aftermath of the decline in the gross national product with a rate of 8.6 and 13.8 per cent in 1985 and 1986 respectively. GNP realised in 1987 a growth of 16.5 per cent com-pared with the year before to record 5856.7 million Kuwaiti dinars. This growth is attributed basically to rise in crude oil prices after the sharp decline witnessed in 1986. In 1987. the rate of the local gross production for oil reached 32.9 per cent.
Although the 1988 GNP

(KD 5571 million) registered a slight decline at a rate of 4.9 per cent compared to 1987, it has increased by 5.8 per cent in comparison with the

Non-oil GNP has accomplished a tangible growth during 1986 and 1987 (17.6 and 8.3 per cent respectrively) due to high growth rates in some sectors such as "the real estate and other business services sector which has recorded an increase of 33.4 per cent every year for the last three years. Nevertheless, several other non-oil sectors still suffer declines, entailing more attention to these sectors that would lead to improved efficiency of their perfor-

Part one Basic proposals and

Long-term economic trends reflected in measures and policies must be linked with application of short-term steps to revive the economy. The policies must take into consideration overcoming problems facing the economy of behavioral and deeprooted criteria. That is because any measures or policies taken to resolve the economic problem from a shortterm point of view, while not guaran-teed, might cost too much and could lead to prolonging the endurance of

From that departure, and for purposes of avoiding repitition of similar recommendations, it was agreed to start with basic proposals which can be applied to various economic activities in the country and can help overcome obstacles facing our economy. These recommendations are consistent with the general views of the government on economy and with long-term strategic develop-ment. They also correspond to the recommendations contained in a report by the committee for revival of economy prepared in February of

Basic proposals and recommendations are as follows:

Expansion of the role of the private sector in the national economy through transfer of some of the activities from the public sector such as housing projects. This must be done in consideration to interest of the private sector and in harmony with the general goals of the state.

Training and development of national labour force by providing creative Kuwaiti minds who must be utilised by the private sector in its various ventures. This end is an important factor in realising a population balance in the country. . . . Concentration on high-cost multi-capital projects in various productive ventures, especially in the

■ The process of administrative development and the subsequent educational systems needed to fulfil requirement of the local market are ing the local economy because of their effect on improving performance of the activities, be it initiated by the government or the private sec-tor. Underlining the role of the good administration in successful projects, public and private sectors must select administrators with qualification

ndustry and contracting fields.

■ Continuation of reconsideration of existing regulations and legislations (such as tender law, sale law and rental law) to update them in order to parallel this report's recommendations. Re-evaluation of these legislations must be carried out in co-ordination with the responsible depart-

■ The necessity of evaluating many existing companies and corporations facing problems affecting their performance. In light of the outcome of the evaluation, a decision to close, support or merge two companies together should be made.

■ Permitting the private sector to benefit from foreign companies which are highly qualified in some fields in implementing ventures in ■ The necessity to always make

available for publication information pertaining to performance of various sectors such as figures of activities in foreign trade and national business. Making available these information will assist in making the right decision at the appropriate time.

Recommendations contained in

this report must not contradict with obligations on the government in the form of agreements signed with other countries. The government can review these agreements to eliminate any clauses that could have negative implications on the economy and allow an expanded role for the private sector locally, regionally, and internationally based on fair com-

 Governmental bodies and private establishments must seek to modernise their activities to increase effec-tiveness of work and speed up implementations of measures taken by various governmental depart-

Due to the importance of the role played by the financial policy, through levels of expenditure on various sectors, on economic activities, it is therefore necessary to view cuts in the budget in a way that does not carry negative repercussions on the performance of the

Facilitating entry visas for foreig-

■ Respecting established laws and regulations requires seriousness and firmness when applying them, by punishing violators and rewarding

Part two Proposed recommendations for an increased performance of economic sectors

Taking into consideration the nature of the present situation of the economy, the commission believes that there are some measures that can be taken at this stage in order to increase the performance of economic sectors to a better level to overcome obstacles and problems standing their ways. The commission recommends the following proposals as measures to be adopted by special-ised sectors knowing that these proposals interfere with each other and affect more than one sector at a

The real estate sector: In response to developments witnessed in the Kuwaiti economy at the outset of the 1980s and the increase of speculation over prices of stocks and real estate, real estate prices doubled as deferred sales quickly flourished leading investors to property exchange deals in addition to mortgage transactions in values highly exceeding market levels. The situation was comlicated by post-dated cheques in sale of shares culminating in the 1982 Manakh market crash Thus, share and real estate prices abruptly dipped pulling down rental prices and creating a large emptiness in the market.

However, figures in the past three years have indicated that the real estate sector witnessed a revival embodied in a growth rate of 33.4 per centannually in that period. Now, we can say that the problem facing the real estate market is represented in the surplus of supply leading to util-ised commercial buildings and residential lands. The comm supports urging the private sector to take appropriate measures to activate the market while maintaining its equilibrium through horizontal and not vertical expansion to help activate the market. This must be accompanied with the following

Making decisions related to the real estate market harmonious with basic guidelines of the economic ies of the government.

 Inviting the private sector to play a larger role in housing projects.
 Modernising and facilitating financing capabilities for real estate plans. If the need arises to establish new tools for this purpose, the com mission would support such a step.

Completing a law on establishing real estate investment funds to create new demand and expand the basic of

dealing.

Speeding up efforts to conclude a new legislation on ownership of apartments and offices and backing horizontal expansion in residentia areas to avoid increase in their cost. Speeding up demolition of old houses owned by the government and still is rented by other parties.
 Preventing accepted applicants for government housing from renting their properties to others. ing their properties to others.

■ Permitting engineering consul-tancy groups to do some jobs usually monopolised by the government such as surveying, estimation, land limiting and encouraging the private sector to set up specialised firms for administration of properties.

Taking measures to ensure organ isation of the real estate market and creating a body that supervises regis-tration and stability of prices. A professional association set up by okers will be encouraged. Inviting brokers to found a company that organises sales through public auctions.

Simplification of present system of registration and entrusting a government body to study an alternative for the present system and testify for its advantages in a report to be submitted in six months. Reviewing present renting and leasing laws in an attempt to find a new relationship more stable bet-ween the owner and the tenant. Organising governmental evalua-tion of private lots for governmental

Closedown of shops in residential areas except in areas where cooperative societies are not available. The construction contracting

This field plays a pivotal and a

direct role in developing the economy through its participation in absorbing work force and generating income. It also plays an indirect role by tremendously influencing other sectors. The present problem of the construction business is limited to the weak demand due to variety of reasons that can be treated through the foll-

Giving the priority of awarding the projects to local Kuwaiti contrac tors except in special cases where the owed to invite foreign contractors to assist in implementing specialised projects that require special

■ Imposing deterrent penalties on selling tenders to other local contractors and banning local contractors from inviting foreign companies if other local contractors can carry out ■ Allocating higher budgets for

projects to encourage local labour d prevent contractors from importing cheap labour. ■ Entrusting local engineering firms with drawing designs unless the

need entails foreign participation. Instructing local engineering consultancy firms to abide by standards of national products in the construc-tion field if these standards are accep-

Classifying local contractors based on scientific procedures and making necessary change in classification in light of adequate evaluation of their work. This task should be entrusted with a permanent committee bringing together represen-tatives from the private and public

Adoption of regulations to force contractors purchase local products and use local services, while adjusting contracting standards with standards of local products whenever.

■ Urging Kuwaiti establishments that extend loans and assistance to foreign parties to give special treatment for Kuwaiti contracting com-

Reconsidering the general tender connectition law to increase its flexibility to catch up with new developments and changes in the field, particularly awarding projects for the lowest offer.

Setting up a committee to restudy the general and special conditions of local contracts.

■ Amending the decision by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour on organising work in the private sector to be more flexible concerning transfer of Ikama (permission to stay in the country) from a The commission also reiterated the

need that the contractors union play a more active role in following up construction activities in the country

Industry sector: The most prominent problem fac-ing industry in Kuwait today is the absence of a clear industry strategy complementing the comprehensive development plan of the govern-ment. When a decision is taken by the government to establish a genuine industry in Kuwait, it would be appropriate to form a national body for industry and technology administered by representatives from both the private and public sectors. The commission also believes that when a decision like that is adopted, the following recommendations should be

Setting up a new legislation for industry that is more responsible to requirements of the new strategy. Exploring obstacles facing existing industries while recons with the new strategy the same goals.

Encouraging national investment outside Kuwait in industries of high

anpower intensity. Urging local parties, which grant loans and foreign assistance, to request recipient countries to give priority to usage of Kuwaiti

■ Reconsidering the protection policies to give more support to local industries, including linking protectionism to a group of considerations that include additional value, determining basis of counting the additional value, and granting that protection in the light of the project's production operation during the first year of operation.

Setting classification standards which take into consideration

elements of safety and quality. Linking the doctrine and continuation of the protectionism to commitment to the classified standards acceptance of the principle of mon-

storing prices and the industry's commitment to spend part of the expen-diture on research, development and training of national labour.

Adopting necessary measures to prevent policies of flooding the local market with products. Affirming purchase of locally-made products, taking into con-sideration that the national industry should be constantly informed of the

state's future needs of domestic products.

The industry officials should coordinate and co-operate among their installations to improve quality of those industries.

■ Seeking assistance of the commercial sector to distribute industrial products inside the country and ents outside Kuwait. Urging media means to spread

public awareness on purchasing of local goods and giving local industries nominal prices. ■ Obliging local and foreign companies, which sign contracts with government circles, to use national

products and giving the chance for all local industries, whether owned by public or private sectors, to compete for those contracts. The commission, aftirming importance of an initiative on the part of

the private sector to explore oppor-tunities for local industrial ventures with considerations that take into consideration revenues on capital on the long run, it further affirms imporselecting technically competent elements to run industrial ventures, especially when experiment had proved failure of several project due to administration weakness. The commerce sector

The commercial sector in Kuwait plays a pivotal role in the economy through its higher percentage of contribution to the non-oil gross ational product (GNP), its accommodation of manpower, interaction with other sectors in addition that it is one of the Kuwaiti merchants traditional sectors.

According to available figures, GNP for the wholesale and retail sectors (at current prices) had retracted in 1987 and 88 consecutively at an reach K.D469.6 million in 1988.

Despite the slash in the commerce sector's contribution to the GNP in 1988, yet it is expected that in 1989 this sector will be better this year based on indicators on volume of imports that had been financed by the banks and which shows a tangible increase compared to last year. The figures point out that during the first ten months of 1989, a 16.5 per cent growth had been recorded compared to the same period in 1988.

On the other hand, latest available statistics reveal that Kuwait's nonoil exports had totalled around KD116.8 millioin in the first five months (January-May) of 1989 compared to about KD82 million in the same period of 1987 (there are no statistics for 1988), thus achieving an average growth of 42.4 per cent. The same figure points out that Kuwait's imports in the same period of 1989 around KD819.1 million compared to KD645 million in the comparable period of 1987 that is 27 per cent

growth rate. The Kuwaiti ports shipping and unloading movement witnessed a tangible increase in the January through September of 1989 with amount of shipped goods via those ports in the same period around 1,733,2 thousand tons carrying an increase of 48.9 per cent compared to the same period last year.

As for imports, it noted that imports destined for Kuwait had signalled a 14.8 per cent decrease in the same period but the transit imports doubled by 66 times in the same period compared to last year and rith most of them (99 per cent) going

was important to consider best cans of upgrading and developing this sector to preserve its importance and traditional status which had been negatively affected by the growth of trade centres in neighbourng countries.

Based on the aforementioned, the

mmission recommends the following suggestions: ■ Owners of various commercial

corporations and companies should personally follow up their activities including intensifying, monitoring and supervisory procedures and not leaving them for an administration that might not pay proper attention for running them seriously and com-Organisation of granting trade

Committee members of both the government and the private sector discuss the various recommendations to re-activate the local economy. a reasonable amount of commercial

> importance. A responsible party from the private sector should be formed to probe various export opportunities, and the government, on her part, should work to assist that party in achieving its goals through eliminat-ing any obstacle facing it on contacts

with foreign economic bodies. A comprehensive and clear law on dealership should be expedited.

The commercial sales law should e-studied and re-evaluated ■ Consultation and co-ordination tween the Commerce and Industry Ministry and parties concerned with commercial activities should be

increased to elevate effectiveness of means of promoting that sector. Establishment of a free trade zone in Kuwait and its expected impact on the Kuwaiti economy's commercial industrial, utilities and investm activities should be studied and

resolved within a year.

■ The ministerial draft resolution concluded by the General Customs Department in 1988 on custom statistics and systems should be expedited including the transit trade, temporary entrance and returning custom taxes until a decision on the creation of a free trade zone is passed. Efficiency of Kuwaiti ports' services should be elevated by providing facilities canable of comproviding facilities expanse of con-peting other regional ports such as reducing fees, facilitating routine procedures, modernising equipment and establishing specialised anchors so that profit would not be a main factor affecting facilities since com-petency and success of harbours are not measured by revenues but rather their positive effects on the country's

■ The co-operative societies should be urged to maintain flexible dealings with the trade sector including a voiding application of any irregular prac-tice and the Social Affairs and Labour is recommended to increase supervisory role in this sphere. ■ Competition among financial firms to private sector's ventures in fields of trade and services should be checked to ensure a more just com-

trade activity.

■ The unlicensed casual sellin shacks should be reconsidered and free (Friday) market should be closed since it provides an unjust competitive tool ■ Providing storage areas for the private sector at reasonable prices.

The Stock Market The stock market occupies a distinctive importance in Kuwaiti econof the private sector's wealth in addition to its leading role in transferring many economic measures to various sectors of the national economy.

Although several measures had been adopted that maintained prices from collapse, yet slow pace of the market is notable in general and such a phenomenon is attributed to the rmath of the Manakh crisis in addition to the general slackness in the economic activity.

The current stock market situation mirrors continuation of that slackness. In 1986, total value of traded shares reached K D375 million which increased to KD829 in 1987 then decreased to KD711 million in 1988 and during the first nine months of this year totalled around KD315 million which is 45 per cent less than the same period last year. Credits offered by commercial

banks in the form of personal loans, including loans to trade in shares, reached KDI,402 million by end of September 1989 with a 5.2 per cent increase compared to the same period last year. The commission believes that

activating the stock market cannot be separated from activating the economic situation as a whole, yet it recommends the following to stir the Studying and developing controls

on trading within the target of activating the stock market including conditions preserving rights of Speeding up the establishment of

financial investment funds to activate demand and expand the number of market dealer in the market through possible contribu-tion of Kuwaitis and non-Kuwaitis Facilitating merger and purchase procedures among companies to

strengthen their positions and improve performance rates. ■ Providing enough information and statistics on listed companies and those statistics should be based

on basic and clear concepts with affiliation should be given adequate unified accountant concepts, rates

and terms.

Shareholding companies should olish results of their operation publish results of their operations twice a year and study possibility of distribution part of forecast annual profits in the light of the performance in the fiscal year's first half and urging capable companies to distribute on this system.

 Reallowing companies organising the secondary market to sell or buy any quantity in accordance with ply and demand. market prices as dictated by the sup-

Expanding the market base by expediting registration of Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti companies in the stock market in accordance with hasis and controls set by the stock market in this respect.

■ Encouraging any initiative by the private sector to convert certain sucsful projects, of individual or limited companies, into public share holding companies that could be enlisted in the bourse according to

applied regulations.

Passing laws allowing companies to issue bonds convertible into shares since that move would allow changes in cost of resources and monetary influx of companies issuing them in addition to introducing a new financial tool that would contribute in developing the financial market.

Expediting the issuance of the new

Linking between Kuwait's foreign investments and national companies with their various effectiveness and activities to elevate their productivity on the basis of competition.

Aftirming that the market should have its laws and regulations that should be applied and severe penalties should be passed against those trying to meddle in companies. interests or bypass market regula-tions including leaking secret data on

Other sectors The development process is a com-rehensive operation and thus other

sectors should be attended to such as transport, hotels, agriculture and fishing and other services. mission recommends the following: Organising permits for overland

transport to cope with volume of ■ Classifying Kuwaiti transport companies according to their fleet, expertise, technical abilities and Kuwaiti ownership percentage so that only Kuwaiti companies coping with volume of contracts would be invited to the public transport ten-

Being more strict in banning vehicles carrying private transport plates from carrying goods to parties other than to those owning them or regis-tered in their names.

■ Treating non-Kuwaiti transport trucks similar to treatment of Kuwaiti trucks in countries where the trucks are registered and prohibiting them from entering the country empty to carry goods or transit goods outside Kuwait. B. - Hotel activity: The commission recommends the following:

Controlling number of hotels.

Reviewing means of encouraging growth of that sector based on experiments of other countries. ■ Co-ordinating with concerned authorities to allow hotels to issue entry visas to Kuwait's visitors. Recommending measures to lure international airlines to land at Kuwait airport and allowing their planes and crews to stay overnight. Part III

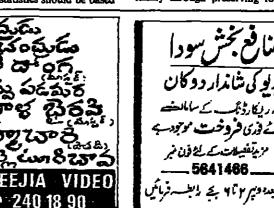
Improving effectiveness of Difficult Credit Clearing Programme (DCCP)
THE COMMISSION believes that

the DCCP had been able to achieve positive, clear and tangible results on the economic and social levels thanks to its measures that protected national economy and boosted con-The programme protected the

banking sector by guaranteeing rights of shareholders and depositors and supporting banks in building up their allocations and lessen burden on the debtors by halting interest on those who lack cash flow.
Implementing the programme, other than limiting debt problem and

determining their volume for all parties, led to an increase in asset entrusted at the banks from the debtors and their guarantors assets. The programme also achieved social goals by its controls which

guaranteed stability for the Kuwaiti family through preserving for the



منافع بخش سودا ویدی کی شاندار دو کان بندریارد بندے سالنہ برائے وری فروخت موجودہ اوقت بده وبرا ۲ ا بع البسد فرائي debtor appropriate housing and income that guarantees for him and his family a dignified life. The programme also had its

positive impact in lessening trials among banks and debtors and among members of the society as a The negative aspects of the DCCP. however, was that the local banks remained for long years burdened with administrative load as a result of

following up clients included in that programme which affects the bank's formance of major and ordinary The Central Bank will further spend a lot of time and effort in supervising execution of the programme for a period of time in addition to the possibility that incen-

tives at certain banks to improve their performance would weaken because of the state's pledge to guarantee their profit and back their However, the commission believes that the DCCP's negative phenomena do not lessen importance of its positiveness since the DCCP was

founded as an economic programme necessitated by conditions that followed the stock market crisis. After three years of issuing the DCCP during which the banks accomplished their mission of clearing settlements of the programme's certain procedures should be adopted to improve the programme's

effectiveness and overcome some of

its negative aspects. The commission views those measures as another entry for activating the country's national economy in view of their expected direct and indirect effects in expediting a settlement to the debts problem. Based on this conviction the commission proposes the following

Settling certain debts that do not affect status of the hanks financial situation and pose management bur The commission noted, through following up march of the DCCP on December 12, 1989, that the number

KD250,000 form 54.2 per cent of the total clients in the DCCP while their debts are a mere 2.5 per cent of the total debtors in that programme. Since their debts greatly burden the banks administration-wise, the

commission proposes settling those clients debts by using mortgage and dropping the uncertain portion. The debtor would be left the choice to benefit from that settlement during the period determined by the Centra Bank so that no one client can benefit in future from that settlement's conditions and system even if the definite period elapses.

Any other debtor, whose debt exceeds KD250,000, can join that settlement if he presented to the banks cash or any other assets that could reduce his debt to KD250,000. ■ Opening the door for immediate settlements before the programme's

The commission further proposes at a later stage, opening the door for immediate settlements before the remaining clients whose debts exceed the KD250,000 in accordance with certain regulations to be set by the Central Bank including revealing status of clients and ascertaining statements before proceeding with those settlements. The debtor will be left the choice of benefitting from those settlements within a period to be set by the Central Bank.

M Allowing debtors to trade in their assets mortgaged with banks:

The commission proposes adopting necessary procedures to allow debtors, who documented their set-tlements, to trade in their assets mortgaged with banks in accordance with certain controls to be set by the Central Bank that guarantees rights of banks as creditor parties and in a way allowing those debtors to upgrade and circulate their assets.

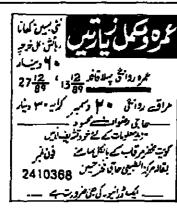
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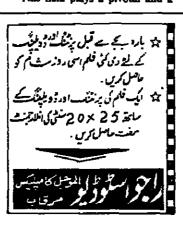
procedure would have positive effects on value of the mortgaged assets which would benefit both banks and clients and also would activate circulation in real estate and Shares markets.



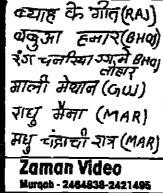


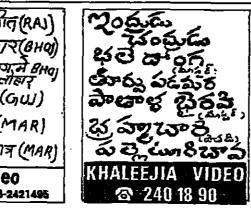
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THERE is only one success — to be able to spend your life in your own way - Christopher Morley, US writer

Two years of the uprising

Death, anger and sadness

NABLUS, Occupied West Bank, (AP): The stone plaque calling the Yasmina Quarter the "neighbourhood of the two martyrs" has not kept pace with the anger and bitterness built up in two years of the

Palestinian uprising.

The neighbourhood of 6,000 Palestinians, crowded into the old marketplace known as the casbah, now has 14 "martyrs," man and teen-age boys shot by Israeli soldiers along the narrow streets. Yasmina has seen all the many sufferings and the few small triumphs of the "intifada," the uprising that began on Dec 8, 1987, to demand Israel end its occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Flag-waving demonstrations, stones, firebombs and the killing of suspected collaborators have been common in Yasmina, Arabic for the

fragrant Jasmin flower.

The Israeli response has been tear-gas, gunfire, arrests, the demolition of houses. The latest example came on Dec 2 when soldiers shot to death four men blamed for killing fellow Palestinians accused of collaborating with Israel

Some Palestinians and Israelis question whether the uprising is losing its steam after two years of suffering with no real political gains. But in Yasmina, the talk is of defiance, revenge, carrying on the battle for a Palestinian state. "We don't want the blood of our sons to go for nothing," replied Yusra El Masri, 42, when asked if the revolt will persist. On the wall

opposite hangs a blurry enlargement of a family snapshot that shows er son, Bashar, who died at age 20. "He was trying to throw two firebombs," she said matter-of-factly. Another son and son-in-law are in jail, accused of taking part in the

uprising, Mrs El Masri said. She complained angrily of dozens of visits by Israeli soldiers to question her other five sons. Pulling her youngest son, 3-year-old Fuad, close to her, Mrs Masri

said: "I hope he will grow up and avenge the death of his brother." It's uncertain how much the defiance expressed by Mrs Masri and other in Yasmina is mere bravado. One former Nablus policeman, long familiar with the casbah, was asked if residents were not worn down by

'They are tired, of course, but I'm not sure they admit it even to themselves," he replied, asking that his name not be used. After two years, there is reason for weariness. The Palestinian economy, never well-developed, has been further hurt by the threehour store openings and almost weekly general strikes ordered by the

PLO-backed leaders of the uprising.

By Army estimate, more than 40,000 Palestinians have been arrested and at least 8,900 injured in the uprising in the West Bank and Gaza. Palestinians say the numbers are higher.

In Nablus, with a population of about 100,000, the death toll from Israel is 66 in the past two years.

Throughout the West Bank and Gaza, where 1.7 million people live, 625 Palestinians have been killed by Israelis. At least 154 others have

been slain by fellow Arabs as suspected collaborators. Forty-three Israelis also have been killed. Scars of the violence are visible on Sharea Lulu — street of the near - where the El Masri family lives. Near their home stands the wreckage

of a house partly demolished by the Army after a concrete block was dropped from its roof last February, killing an Israeli soldier, Binyanim An Israeli reservist who has served in Nablus said the city holds both

both dangers and frustrations for soldiers. The 29-year-old corporal, whose name could not be used under army

regulations, said patrolling the casbah means staying alert to every motion atop the two-and three-storey buildings.

"At any moment, you can have rocks or bottles all over you," he said, adding that troops also must constantly decide when they can open fire under regulations allowing use of live ammunition only if a soldier's life is in danger. "It's a frustration. You're a soldier with a weapon," he said. "It's a

very difficult thing. It's spur of the moment." Despite the many deaths in Nablus, the soldier added, "the number of casualties is in line with the rules."

Abed El Sayeh, whose 13-year-old brother died in army gunfire last year, has an understandably different view of soldiers' rules. "Here they shoot at anything that moves," he said.

El Sayeh lives on Sharea Lulu, only steps from the memorial to the

"two martyrs": his brother, Samir, and a 14-year-old neighbour, The families of both can recite a litany of deaths, injuries, arrests and

humiliations at the hands of Israeli soldiers.

Abed, 21, said he has been jailed four times in the uprising. Another brother, age 11, broke his arm falling from a roof as soldiers chased him. The fiance of a 16-year-old sister, Bahia, was killed on Sept 2 in an army

Abed expects the stone-throwing and rioting to go on "until the Palestinian state is here and the Palestinian flag is flying." He hinted that guns may replace stones if the uprising fails to produce real results.
"We are waiting for peace," he said. "If there's no solution, there are other means. ... people here would he glad if it turned to armed struggie.'

So far, Abed said, the uprising's success has been in forging Palestinian unity and focusing world attention on Israel's occupation. Israeli officials maintain, however, that Palestiman unity is often

maintained by fear. Lieut Gen. Dan Shomron, Israel's armed forces chief of staff, said last week the army's task in Nabius was stopping gangs of uprising enforcers who have been blamed for most of the deaths of 23 supposed

"I would say our main effort is not directed against the general public, but against the terror squads that are using force and pressure

on the large groups of population in order to get them out on the

TODAY IN HISTORY

1815 - France's Marshal Ney is shot after treason trial for

aiding Napoleon Bonaparte at Waterloo. 1858 - French and Spanish announce blockade of Cochin-

1895 - Ethiopians defeat Italians at Ambia Alagi, Abyssinia. 1901 — England and Italy agree on settling Sudan frontier. 1921 — Austria and United States resume diplomatic relations.

1922 - Northern Ireland votes for nonalignment in Irish free 1941 - Japanese bomb Pearl Harbour, Hawaii, the Philippines

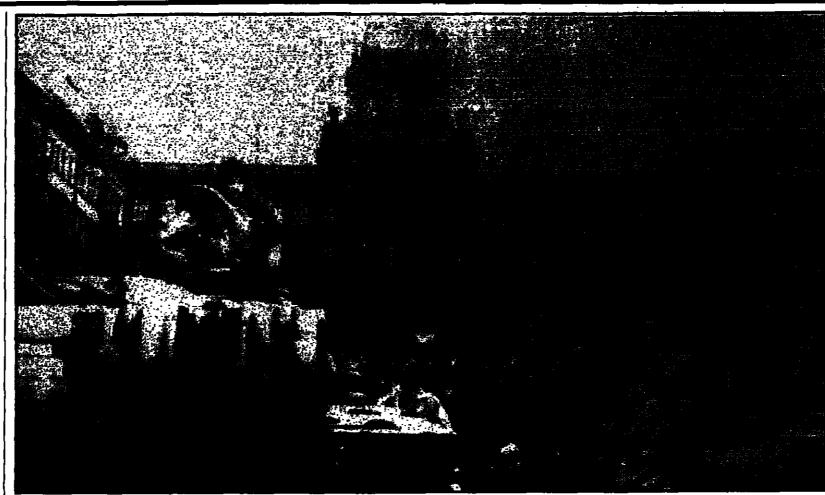
and British Malaysia (Dec 8 in Asia). 1952 - Riots break out in French Morocco. 1953 — David Ben-Gurion resigns as premier of Israel.

1969 — Counter revolutionary plot is discovered in Libya. 1971 — Unmanued Soviet space capsule sends back radio and television signals from planet Mars.

1972 - Wife of Philippines' President Ferdinand Marcos is slashed during public ceremony in Manila by a man who was later killed at the scene.

1974 — Archbishop Makarios returns to Cyprus after five months in exile, and says he will pardon those who plotted his

1987 - Most stores and business close in Haiti's capital with goal of forcing ruling junta to allow free elections.



Czech citizens jeer an invading Soviet tank in Prague on Aug 21, 1968. (Reuter wirephoto)

Bewildering transformation in East Europe

Warsaw Pact faces rapid changes

MOSCOW, (AP): The Warsaw Pact, long an instrument of Soviet domination in East Europe, is facing rapid, bewildering change in its member nations and uncertainty about its own role and

The pact has served both as a military alliance and as a diplomatic device for the Kremlin to ideologically police its allies. But from seven nations that almost always used to march in lockstep to Soviet orders, the pact's membership is now transformed into a bevy of independent-minded nations. Their leaders are as varied as Polish Premier

Tadeusz Mazowiecki, the pact's first non-communist head of government, and Romania's Nicolae

Somehow, those men now must agree on East Europe's future shape and defense policy if the pact is to be an alliance in anything but name. Chastened by past interventions in their countries' lives, some reformers now in power also want guarantees that armed might will not be turned on them.

Having already ceased to make ideological out" of member nations' politics altogether, said ³ Foreign Minister Gyula Horn of Hungary, where legal groundwork was laid this fall for democratic, multiparty elections.

Horn's fears are not baseless: in mid-Augus Romanians reportedly requested joint Warsaw Pact action against Poland to preserve monopoly Communist Party rule.

But at a Warsaw Pact meeting Monday, the Soviet Union and the four other pact nations condemned their own 1968 invasion of Czechoslovakia, aimed at stopping political and economic reform.

In fact, under Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviets now appear ready to accept almost any sort of political change in East Europe, provided allegiance is unshaken to the defence treaty written in 1955 at a

MOSCOW, (AP): As snow falls and skies turn gray, Soviets enter a long winter of shortages, strikes and ethnic clashes. But far from being halted by Mikhail

Gorbachev's reforms, the troubles in many cases are

"There's much that we'd like to have, but the

Russian people are used to difficulties," reflected

Luda Panina, a 33-year-old brunette selling red

carnations outside a Moscow subway station on a

Russians, and more than 100 other national groups in the Soviet Union, have endured hardships

for decades. But the difference now is that people

expect more, both from Gorbachev and from his

perestroika programme that 4-1/2 years ago

ethnic, economic and environmental woes that the

leadership previously ignored or stifled. "Glas-nost," or openness, has stripped away restrictions and allowed conflicts to surface.

Social and economic ills, around for decades,

were hushed up until glasnost brought out the

numbers: crime jumped 34 per cent in the first 10

months of 1989 over the same period last year, the budget deficit has hit 120 billion roubles (\$194

billion); inflation is running at 4-5 per cent yearly,

BELGRADE, (Reuter): Yugoslavia, already hit by ethnic violence and economic crisis, now faces the

prospect of disintegration over a bitter row between

the two powerful republics of Serbia and Slovenia.

The Balkan federation of eight republics and

provinces appears to be tottering on the brink of

chaos after its biggest republic, Serbia, declared an

unprecedented trade war on Slovenia, the most

Westernised republic which borders Italy and Aus-

"Yugoslavia has been abolished as a state," said Slaven Letica, professor of sociology at Zagreb University. "It has been broken into three quasistates: Serbia, Slovenia and the rest of the country."

Stipe Suvar, a member of Yugoslavia's highest

constitutional body, the state presidency, said he

would demand that it tackle the issue at its next

"According to the Yugoslav constitution, one

republic cannot declare a break of relations with

another republic," Suvar said in a newspaper

On Thursday, 130 Serbian enterprises said they

would break off all ties with Slovenia. The move was

prompted by a Slovenian ban on a Serb rally in the

Slovenian capital of Ljubljana which local leaders

Sociologist Slaven Letica said the Serbian

feared could have ended in bloodshed.

meeting.

interview on Sunday.

The country has been torn by long-simmering

promised to make their lives better.

cold, snowy day.

time of tight, sometimes violent Kremlin domina-

"All the reforms which no one could have imagined a few years ago will be accepted in Moscow, unless they lead to the questioning of membership in the Warsaw Pact," the Polish newspaper Zycie Warszawy commented recently.

It is unclear what the pact is to be in the future, and what loyalty to it will mean. Recent Soviet pronouncements indicate the Kremlin envisages the pact's functions blurring in the future with those of the council for mutual economic assistance, or Comecon, the notoriously ineffective socialist trade bloc that includes Warsaw Pact members and several other Soviet-aligned nations.

In October, Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze said the Kremlin would be interested in negotiating the abolition of both Nato and the Warsaw Pact by the year 2000 to create a "common European home." But later, in an interview with the official Polish news agency PAP, Shevardnadze

: "For the time being, the two alliances do exist and one should aim for their gradually being transformed into political-military organizations through developing civilian trends of their activity with a

What East Bloc military leaders, traditionally subservient to their parties, think of reducing the pact's military role is unknown. But Warsaw Pact defence ministers sounded an apparent note of caution at a meeting in Budapest, Hungary, Nov 27-29 when they highlighted what they called Nato's reliance on military might in foreign policy.

According to Nato figures, the Warsaw Pact has 3

million fulltime military personnel, compared to 2.2 million for the Western alliance. Pact statistics, in contrast, claim rough parity: 3.6 million for Nato

Soviets enter a winter of shortages

Tensions among ethnic groups — many of whom were brutally repressed under dictator Josef Stalin

have pitted Armenians against Azerbaijanis,

against natives of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, the

Ukraine and Moldavia. Ethnic clashes have taken

the 15 constituent Soviet republics, especially the

Strikes by coal miners, angry about official in-

attention to their hazardous work conditions and

poor lifestyles, depleted fuel supplies before winter. In the southern republic of Georgia, the govern-

ment ordered businesses to switch days off to Wed-

nesdays and Thursdays because of an electricity

shortage, caused in part by the shutdown of Armen-

ia's nuclear power plant after the devastating earth-

Outright economic sabotage is also afoot. Azerbaijan blockaded the ethnic hotspot of Nagorno-Karabakh and neighbouring Armenia for two mon-

ths, preventing trainloads of fuel, food and raw materials from getting through. The blockade delayed reconstruction of the area levelled by the earthquake that killed 25,000 Armenians. Officials

now say rebuilding will take three years, one more

decision formally abolished a unified Yugoslav market. "It breaks Yugoslavia into two spheres of

The row between Serbia and Slovenia has deep roots in the two republics' differing views of the country's future, with Slovenia calling for multi-

party rule while Serbia advocates a strong central-

As the states of Eastern Europe head for

democracy, Yugoslavia's internal splits have

widened over the past few months, stalling its econ-

omic reforms and precluding a unified political

issue since the death in 1980 of strongman Josip

Broz Tito, who ruled the country with a firm hand

Since his death, federal power has gradually

eroded in favour of the various republics which

bodies have been paralysed by internal conflicts.

enjoy almost complete autonomy, while federal

The past year has been marked by ethnic Alban-

The communist state's unity has been a delicate

influence, Slovene and Serbian.

ised Yugoslavia.

for 35 years.

Baltics, are threatening to tear the country apart.

Growing campaigns for independence in many of

more than 300 lives, by official count.

quake in December 1988.

ethnic Turks against Uzbeks and Russian minorities

The pact's basic document, the "agreement on friendship, co-ordination and mutual assistance," was signed May 14, 1955 in Warsaw by the Soviet Union, Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Poland and Romania. The treaty was in large part a response to the activission of West Germany to Nato 10 days earlier

The pact provided the machinery by which Soviets could control the Eastern European man establishments, transmit foreign policy guidelines to their satellites and exercise political control.

Moscow used the treaty as a legal screen for military interventions now condemned by the Soviet bloc's reform governments. In 1956, a revolt broke out in Hungary when the government demanded the withdrawal of Soviet troops and stated its intention to become a neutral country. Soviet troops crushed the revolt and installed a new leadership, as pactforces did in 1968 in Czechoslovakia.

After the Gzech invasion, then Source les Leonid Brezhnev claimed the alliance had the 'sacred duty" to protect socialism wherever it was threatened. That assertion which became Ladwahis the Brezhnev doctrine, has been repudiated by Gor-

However, some disagreement with Moscow was SL. I he communist hermit state of Albania formally pulled out of the pact to protest the invasion of Czechoslovakia. In 1958, Romania succeeded in withdrawing from its agreement to permit stationing of Soviet troops on its soil, and ceased to take part in Warsaw Pact military exer-

Moscow's allies also refused when the Soviets, in 1956-57 and 1967-68, tried to form a standing Warsaw Pact Army. They feared their troops might be deployed in support of purely Soviet ends, for example on the Chinese border.

A gas pipeline blast in June killed more than 600

passengers on passing trains. The country also is still feeling the effect of the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear

power plant explosion. According to one Soviet newspaper, the disaster as of this year has killed 250

reforms simply have brought more of what people call "deficits," shortages of products that have for-

ced rationing of butter, cheese, meat, sugar and tea.

Some economists even propose rationing everything, to prevent the hoarding that is now common.

As Soviets approach the end of the year, many

would agree with a prediction made months ago. "One can expect that the year 1989 will be the most unsuccessful of all those we have live through,"

Vasily Selyunin, a specialist in economic affairs.

Statistics tell the 287 million Soviets what they

already know:

Of 211 food products, a consumer demand institute found only 23 could be bought freely. The rest are rationed or require overpayment or under-the-

One-quarter of all farm products never reach

consumers because they are ruined or lost in an

inefficient, backward distribution and processing

counter connections with the sellers.

Moreover, for most Soviets, Gorbachev's

people and cost billions of roubles.

Singhan enigma

NEW DELHI, (UPI): Vishwanath Pratap Singh remains an engine to most of India's 820 million people as he assumed power as the eighth elected prime minister of the world's

largest democracy. He is at once bold and reserved, compassionate and outspoken on the issues he made the keystones of his campaign, but seemingly quiescent and self-effecing to the point of idecisiveness when it comes to his own personal

Singh said he disdained the prime ministership, but he successfully trounced Ranv Gan-dhi and engineered a backroom plot that defeated a challenge to his leadership of the five-party National Front alliance.

His low-key demeanor is contrasted with a flair for the dramatic, illustrated by his decision as finance minister to order the midnight arrest of one of the country's most influential industrialists on tax evasion charges.

Singh's campaign rallies were marked by comic repartees with his audiences and the theatrical display of an empty chair symbolizing Rajiv's refusal to debate him on national television.

His greatest achievement, supporters say, is his success in creating his multi-party National Front by controlling competing egos and

Singh is among a relative handful of Indian politicians untained by charges of corruption and he relied on that make to propel himself initially into the national limelight and then to

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Singh was born in 1931 in Daiya, a tiny backwater in Uttar Pradesh, to the local raja. He was adopted at age five by his father's cousin —a tradition practiced by childless members of the aristocracy — and became heir to the neighbouring principality of Manda.

He and his adopted father did not get along well and Singh was raised by a Scottish couple. He was forbidden to visit his real parents for six years and found himself at the centre-of a custody battle when his adopted father died, leaving him his title ball all on much in the collection of the broadbatt as its as a size as a said as a said

student and earned a law degree. He joined the Congress (I) Party and was first elected to office m 1969.

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He is married and has two children.

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"We sized each other up, competitive posi-tions were taken and the seeds of mutual respect were sown. I'm glad to have made that journey with such a man, such a friend. How you have enriched our country. You gave it meaning and spirit — you had us all singing with another accent — and you always rallied to good causes." - Sidney Poiter paying tribute to Harry Belafonte at an honour ceremony.

"Amid all his encouraging moves ... President (FW) de Klerk has just failed an acid test. No matter how compelling the reasons to amend that archaic policy, no matter how desperate the pleas from those affected, apartheid remains alive and kicking in the school system."—South Africa's largest daily newspaper.

This attempt by a group of mercenaries to control the destiny of a sovereign and independent country is an unacceptable violation of the international law." OAU Secretary-General Salim Ahmed Salim of Tanzania on the mercenaries running Comoro Islands after slaying its "We must not blur the distinction between promising

expectations and present realities. We must remain constant with Nato's traditional security mission. I pledged today that the United States will maintain significant military forces in Europe as long as our allies desire our presence as part of a common defence effort. The United States will remain a European power." — US President George Bush.

"This is war. You must get your enemy first before he gets you. If I wasn't able to kill him, he would have killed me, and he would have killed many more." — a Filipino progovernment soldier after shelling his brother's vehicle in the rebel lines. I played some of the best tennis of my life. You have to

beat those two guys two days in a row. There's been a lot of frustrations for me. I've lost a lot of finals." — Stefan Edberg after beating Boris Becker in the Masters final.

"I must say I'm glad I found a lot of realism in Bush's attitude and I felt his desire, his effort to understand the processes under way, exchange opinions, to work out approaches." — Gorbachev in his upbeat appraisal of the eight hours of talks aboard the Soviet cruise ship Maxim Gorky.

"I'm afraid for a horrible fight. I want to see a classy thing, but I'm afraid you're going to see head butts and all those things. What worries me is the hate," — Ex-three time champ Alexis Arguello of Nicaragua on Leonard-Duran upcoming bout.

"In my heart!'d love to pick Duran. As a Latin! would like to see a five-time champion (if Duran wins). But I cannot forget Leonard's ability ... Duran is a better fighter inside, but Leonard is a better boxer." — Former Nicaraguan world champion Alexis Arguello on Leonard-Duran 3rd

Last night the rebels proposed a ceasefire. Our counterattacking forces have conveyed my answer. I reject their proposal ... What they started I will end." — Philippine proposal ... was uny President Corazon Aquino.

"We have American personalities and residences here at a striking distance and we can hit them at will ... If they (US forces) are going to hit us." - Major Abrahim Puruganan. a rebel, from his Makati stronghold.

It is even in the Soviet interest for us all to ensure a stable and secure framework for evolution. Nato is at the core of Western security and remains

essential in a world still marked by instability of massive military deployments."—
Nato Secretary-General Manfred Woerner.

Yugoslavia faces disintegration gary and Poland, Yugoslavia comprises a multitude of religions, languages and ethnic groups, many of

> "Yugoslavia is a young country made up of old nations, none of which are willing to give up their sovereignty," said historian Dusan Bilandzic. The disunity has also prevented the formation of

an all-Yugoslav opposition. Unlike in East Germany and Czechoslovakia, opposition groups in Yugoslavia represent only narrow regional

With inflation expected to hit 2,500 percent by the end of the year and a \$17-billion foreign debt, the latest row could also disrupt the country's talks with the International Monetary Fund (IMF),

"It is disastrous for Yugoslavia's image," a Western diplomat said. "What will the IMF find when it

They certainly won't find much in the way of progress, quite the opposite. An IMF seal of approval is vital to Yugoslavia's relations with its Western creditors."

ian riots in which 28 people died, mass Serbian Prime Minister Ante Markovic is already meeting protests and Slovenian constitutional amendments strong regional resistance, especially from Serbia, in giving that republic the right to secede from implementing his economic policies and diplomats said the latest split would make the IMF dubious of Unlike such unified Warsaw Pact states as Hunthe chances for reform in the country.

Sudan rebels foresee war

NAIROBI, Dec 6, (Reuter): Sudan headed for a new round of bloodshed today after peace talks collapsed and rebels accused the government of declaring war by bombing a rebel-held town.

Lam Akol, senior commander of the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA), told Reuters Sudanese jets pounded the southern town of Waat yesterday. He had no details of casual-

"Omar Hassan Al Bashir (Sudan's military ruler) has declared war. He has followed up his tough words against us by bombing Waat. We will have to defend ourselves," Akol added.

The bombing of Waat, confirmed by western diplomatic sources, was the second on an SPLAcontrolled town since fresh fightingerupted between the two sides at the end of October. Before then there had been a six-month lull in the conflict when both sides declared a series of unilateral ceasefires.

The aircraft attacked Waat on the day peace talks between Sudan's ruling junta and the SPLA, to try to end the six-yearold war, collapsed in the Kenyan-capital Nairobi. The talks were chaired by former US President Jimmy Carter.

"The bombing confirms what we thought would happen if negotiations failed," a Western diplomat in Nairobi said. "Each" side will want to show it is still

Carter told journalists after the failure of the six-day talks that the main stumbling point had been whether sharia, Islamic law, should be suspended if the two sides agreed to a ceasefire and to hold a conference to chart a new national constitution.

The SPLA, fighting to end what it regards as domination of largely Christian southern Sudan by the Muslim north, had but sid mid anivarial leaves of the Muslim north, had but anivers of the Muslim north, had been anivers of the Musl

and Egypt be abrogated, he said. "It is necessary for the people of Sudan and other nations to know clearly these minimal reasons for the continuation of the devastating war. Neither side came to Nairobi prepared to take the difficult steps necessary for peace," Carter added.

Mohtashami running for seat in Parliament

ATHENS, Dec 6, (UPI): The leader of Iran's hardline clerics, ousted from the government when President Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani took office in August, is running for Parliament in by-elections due in mid-December, a report from Tehran said vesterday.

A Tehran resident reached by telephone said former Interior minister Ali Akbar Mohtashami is contesting a vacant seat from the Tehran constituency and his chances of being elected appeared high.

Mohtashami, who opposes Rafsanjani's pragmatist policies, is being supported by radical student groups and hardline clerical organisations, the Tehran resident who asked not to be identified said.

Six vacant seats in the Majlis or Parliament will be contested in the mid-December by-elections. one of them vacated when Rafsanjani gave up his seat from the Tehran constituency after being elected President.

The hardliners currently hold a thin majority in the Majlis and have been influential in preventing a resumption of ties with Britain and a detente with the

United States. Regional analysts said if Mohtashami is elected, the Mailis may become more radical than it has been since the 1988 parliamentary elections, and oppose Rafsanjani's pragamat-

ist policies more vigorously. Mohtashami, Iran's ambassador to Damascus before becoming interior minister in the cabinet of Prime Minister Mir Hossein Musavi, helped set up the pro-Iranian Shiite groups that have taken Western citizens

hostage in Lebanon as of 1985. Ahmed Hojatoleslam Khomeini, the son of the late Ayatollah Khomeini, has not so far announced his candidacy in the Majlis by-elections, despite earlier speculation that he may

The Tehran resident said Khomeini has not expressed a desire to become a Majlis deputy.



Former US president Jimmy Carter gestures at a press conference where he announced the failure of the Sudanese peace talks between the government and the Sudanese Peoples Liberation Army in Nairobi.

Israel bans Arab leader

Protests in Nablus

Dec 6, (Reuter): Israeli military authorities today barred Palestinian nationalist leader Faisal Husseini from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip for six months on the grounds he

Husseini, freed last January after 18 months in prison without trial, said police delivered the orders to him in Israeliannexed East Jerusalem.

The military commanders of the West Bank and Gaza who signed the orders wrote that the measure was taken to 'preserve public security.'

The ban, imposed three days before the second anniversary of the Palestinian uprising in occupied territories, was the first such restriction on a Palestinian leader in East Jerusalem since Israel unveiled its peace plan for Palestinian elections in the

territories last May. Husseini, head of the Arab Studies Society, closed by the army in July 1988, said the measure marked a new level of military restrictions against

"We believe that all Israeli attempts to hamper and obstruct our efforts to achieve our goals will fail. Our determination to free our land from the occupation is stronger than any Israeli order." Hussein, 49, told

The army today demolished three houses of Palestinians suspected in attacks on Israeli sol-

also maintained its demand that COCCUPIED IERUSALEM, diers and civilians, and Defence.

Sudan s defence pacts with Libya Dec 6. (Reuter): Israeli military Ministry Yitzhak Rabin said the Ministry Yitzhak Rabin said the uprising may last "another year or two.

> In the West Bank city of Nablus, six protest marches involving hundreds of people relaxed for two hours a curfew that it clamped on the city Friday, Palestinian reporters

> Eight people were shot and wounded in clashes with soldiers in the city's old market, or casbah, and the nearby Balata refugee camp, according to hospital officials. One victim was a 14year-old boy shot in the back, the officials said. The army confir-

med two injuries. The protesters waved outlawed Palestinian flags and chanted they would avenge the deaths of four members of a gang called the Black Panthers who were killed by soldiers on Friday,

Arab witnesses said. In one March, witnesses said, eight masked men carrying swords and axes paraded through the casbah chanting: "The Black Panthers are not dead as long as we have men in

The army blamed the Black Panther gang for 16 of the 24 slayings in Nablus of supposed collaborators with Israel in the two years of the uprising. It imposed the curfew on the 120,000 residents of Nablus after

the killings on Friday.

Uprising igniter appears in court

driver who was involved in the traffic accident that triggered the Palestinian uprising has denied charges of reckless driving in a court appearance two years and 827 deaths after the uprising

began.

Herzl Bukovza, 25, of the southern Israeli port city of Ashdod, was charged yesterday in the Beersheba traffic court with "unjustified deviation from travel route, resulting in disruption of traffic and causing danger to human life," and other offences.

The indictment, which provided the first official description of the accident, said Bukovza was driving his tractor-trailer from the occupied Gaza Strip toward the Erez checkpoint at the entrance to Gaza, according to the national Itim news agency.

The time was about 4 pm. yesterday. December 8, 1987.

Thousands of Palestinian labourers were returning from their Gaza was tense. Two days before, a Palestinian assailant stabbed to death a Jewish settler in Gaza city's Palestine square. Soldiers put up roadblocks and caused large traffic jams as they

searched Arab cars after the attack. Bukovza reached a gas station close to Erez checkpoint. There, he made a U-turn across the road, the indictment said. Police said

at the time he was tring to enter the gas station. The time was 4:15 A Palestinian car coming in the opposite direction smashed into Bukovza's truck. Another van hit the Palestinian vehicle

from behind, the indictment said. Four Palestinian labourers from Jabaliya refugee camp, a crowded shantyown of tin homes housing 52,000 Arabs, were killed in the accident.

Lebanon closer to partition than ever

PARIS, Dec 6, (Agencies): Druze leader Walid Jumblatt said in an interview published today that Lebanon was closer to partition than at any time in the country's l 5-year civil war.

Jumblatt was asked by the French daily Le Figaro if the standoff between Christian General Michel Aoun and Syrianbacked President Elias Hirawi had increased the risk of partition.

"More than ever before," said Jumblatt, who commands the staunchly pro-Syrian Muslim Druze militia.

Najib's

future

blocked

solution

WASHINGTON, Dec 6, (AP): President George Bush and Soviet President Mikkail Gorbachev falled at their weekend summit

meeting to break new ground to end the fighting in Afghanistan

between the Marxist government and Muslim rebels, US sources

The key sticking point was said

sisted that the Soviet-backed

Najib retain power and main-

tained that Najib is a national

figure whose popularity is grow-

Bush, however, was said to have

demanded that the Afghan

president step down because the US-backed majahedeen refuse to deal with him in working out a settlement of their 11-year war.

The dispute, which the sources said surfaced in an exchange bet-ween Bush and Gorbachev on Sun-

day, stood in sharp contrast to the mostly positive results of the ship-

A parallel disagreement over Central America was disclosed by

Bush and Gorbachev at a conclud-

ing news conference, with Bush telling reporters; "I can't say

there are no differences between

Bush made no direct reference

to Afghanistan but rather noted

differences over Soviet arms sup-

plies to leftist rebels in El

Salvador, Regional conflicts have

proved to be the most resistant to

The head of the US-backed

Afghan resistance, Sibghatullah Mojaddedi, met with Bush before

the summit and said he wanted

new anti-aircraft weapons to use

He also expressed the hope that

Bush would tell Gorbachev to drop Soviet support for the "puppet regime and the communist govern-ment" in the Afghan capital of

The Soviet Red Army rolled

into Afghanistan in December 1979 to support a Marxist govern-ment against Muslim rebels in a war that had broken out a year

The last of the Soviet troops

were withdrawn in February, but

US intelligence sources claim Moscow has increased aid to

Najib's government from \$300

At the summit, Bush told Gor-bachev that Najib must relinquish power before there could be a political settlement of the Afghan

war. Bush described Najib to Gor-

bachev as "unacceptable" and said "he has to go," the sources, who spoke on the condition of

Gorbachev responded that

Najib is a national figure and is

gaining popularity with the Afghan people, the officials said. In another troubled area, the

Middle East, the summit talks

produced no apparent discord.
US officials said Gorbachev
appealed for a warmer US stance

towards Yasser Arafat, the chair-man of the Palestine Liberation

Organisation, and said Arafat

had "gone out on a limb" to see

Libya has decried the superp-

ower summit off Malta as a

failure, saying the leaders were

made nervous and nanseous by the

stormy weather and the US disap-pointed Moscow by refusing to

withdraw its fleed from the

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peace with Israel.

million to 400 million a month.

against Soviet bombers.

to be the future of Najib, the

Afghan President.

"Until now we had always maintained a semblance of the unity. With Michel Aoun

who refuses to recognise President Hirawi ... the situation has moved towards partition," Jumblatt said.

He warned that a partitioned Lebanon would put into question post-World War One accords on the borders of what used to be the Ottoman Empire.

"The entire region risks being thrown into chaos," he said.

Hirawi was elected nearly two weeks ago but defiant Aoun, who has vowed to drive Syrian troops out of Lebanon, still

occupies the presidential palace in Chris-Jumblatt said a military operation

of the general's supporters were massed in solidarity around the residence.
Jumblatt accused France, which once

ruled Lebanon, of playing "a double role" in the crisis, while publicly supporting Hirawi. "France continues to support Aoun," He warned that such an attitude could

be dangerous for Christians in the East. with "Christian fundamentalism likely to exacerbate Muslim fundamentalism."
"If France wants to create a Christian

state, like Britain did in those days with the Jewish state, it might succeed, but at what would be needed to dislodge Aoun and install Hirawi in the presidential palace. But this was impossible while thousands cost?", he wondered.

Jumbiatt noted that the adamant refusal of General Aoun to recognise the legal government and to evacuate the Baabda presidential palace "things have evolved towards a partition of the country," with

"chaos for all the regions."

He further noted that "partition would go against the interests of Christians living in the Middle-East, in Syria or Egypt notably", and "that separated Christian Lebanon would not be large enough to welcome them."

Two more weeks for Aoun: Hirawi

President threatens to quit

BEIRUT, Dec 6, (AP): President Elias Hirawi said in interviews published today that he would give mediators trying to dislodge maverick Gen. Michel Aoun from the presidential palace up to two weeks.

But predominantly Muslim units of the army were preparing a contingency invasion strategy to oust Aoun. In an unrelated development, police said an unidentified gunman opened fire from an automatic rifle at pedestrians in the Palestinian refugee camp of Ain Al Hilweh, in south Lebanon, killing three people and

A police spokesman said the "masked gunman escaped in the narrow alleys of the camp" after the shooting last night.

Aoun's troops and Syrian-backed militias skirmished for a second day running with automatic rifles and rocket propelled grenades across Beirut's dividing Green Line and the hills southeast of the capital.

Police said a 1st lieutenant serving with Aoun's 20,000 troops was killed by a sniper's bullet east of Beirut. Three people were wounded in the fighting,

"I'm giving goodwill mediators a week or two to produce fruitful results," Hirawi told An Nahar independent new-Mediators, both Arab and

Western, have been trying to find a formula for Aoun's exit from the palace, including offering him an ambassadorship in Europe. Aoun has publicly rejected all such offers. "I prefer to reach the Baabda

Palace carrying an olive branch, but otherwise it will be by the cannon," Hirawi said in comments published by a Kuwaiti Arabic daily. "I have instructed the new

army commander Gen. Emile Lahoud to prepare himself for entering East Beirut, Lahoud is currently touring barracks to prepare for ending this abnormal

situation," he said. Hirawi told the Kuwaiti paper that Lebanese army units would evict Aoun without help from the

Both interviews were concluded at the army barracks in Ablah in Syrian-policed east Lebanon where Hirawi has set up what he calls his temporary headquarters. Hirawi said he can only rule from Baabda Palace, despite its ravaged state after six months of shelling in fighting between Aoun's troops and Syrian and militia forces that ended in September.

Soviet Ambassador Vassili Kolotosha told reporters that any tempering with amendments in the Taif accord could lead to more fighting.

"Any amendment of a certain clause in the Taif accord could lead to demands for other amendments," the ambassador said after a meeting with Maronite patriarch Nasrallah Sfeir in the ou awi. Christian enclave.

In an interview with Reuters, Hirawi said he would resign if he failed to oust Aoun and extend his government's authority over the whole of Lebanon.

"I have come to restore Lebanon's unity and extend the . sovereignty of the government over Lebanese territory. If I fail to do this and if there is a scheme which is greater than me, let them find someone else," Hirawi told

"I did not come to the presidency to become a president who will consolidate partition or a president to manage a crisis.' added Hirawi who was elected 12 days ago with Syrian backing.

"When my patience runs out with all the mediation and when I exhaust all my capabilities I will issue a statement to all Lebanese and apologise. I will tell them 'this is your actual situation,' and leave," he added. The Bush administration once

again called on Lebanese not to resort to violence and urged for restraint by all sides. The US government once

again called on Aoun to step aside in the interest of Lebanese unity' and called on all Lebanese 'to accept the authority' of Hir-

: An International Red Cross official today flew to Beirut, taking with him petitions signed by more than 30,000 people calling for the release of two relief workers kidnapped in southern Lebanon exactly two months **ago.**

Iran ready to oust Iraqis in 24 hours NICOSIA, Dec 6, (Reuter): A senior Revolutionary Guards

commander said today Iranian troops could evict Iraqi soldiers from Iranian territory in 24 hours if necessary.
"If the commander-in-chief of

the armed forces deemed it advisable, Iran's armed forces, more prepared than before, would repel Iraqi troops from occupied territory in less than 24 hours if Iraq refused to withdraw," Irna news agency quoted Rahim Saf-avi, the guards' second-in-command, as saying.

Safavi's remarks, made in a meeting with relatives of prisoners of war, constituted one of Iran's strongest recent expressions of impatience with the deadlock in peace talks.

Iranian leaders, including spiritual leader and commanderin-chief Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, have said that while Iran does not want fighting to resume, it also could not tolerate Iraqi soldiers on its soil.

Tehran says the continued occupation of 2,600 sq km (1,000 so miles) of its border areas by Iraqi troops is the main hurdle blocking the talks.

Iraq, which wants a 1975 border treaty renegotiated to restore its full sovereignty over the Shatt Al Arab border river, last month rejected an Iranian proposal for exchange of war prisoners simultaneously with an Iraqi pullout

Badran to form

AMMAN, Dec 6, (Reuter): Jordan's Prime Minister-designate Mudar Badran will amounce a government today which will leave the resurgent Muslim Brotherhood in opposition, parliamentary sources said.

They said lengthy negotiations on cabinet posts between Badran and the Brotherhood, which has 22 of the 80 seats in the newly-elected lower house of parliament, had broken

Plans to disband

TUNIS, Dec 6, (Reuter): Tunisia's Communist Party said today it plan-ned to disband and reform under a new name in line with changes in Eastern Europe.

"At a meeting at the weekend the central committee decided to sacrifice the party and form a new left-wing party," party secretary gen-eral Mohammed Harmel said in a

Kelly in Amman

AMMAN, Jordan, Dec 6, (UPI): US Assistant Secretary of State John Kelly arrived in Amman from Cairo for a one-day visit to brief King Hussein on the results of the Bush-Gor-bachev summit, US embassy sources

Kelly, who was accompanied by Cyrus Vance and Dick Murphy, already had visited Israel. They will meet with Hussein and senior Jordanian officials before leaving later today for an unspecified destination, the sources said.

Boat bombed

ISTANBUL, Dec 6, (Reuter): A firebomb blew up today in a wooden launch used by US consular staff on Istanbul's Bosphorus waterway but no one was hurt, US consular sources

"It's charred and the canvas cover s gone, but it's still seaworthy," said one of the sources in Istanbul, adding that no one was aboard the 15-metre (45-foot) launch when the bomb went off at 6.45 am (0445 GMT).

Morocco jails 17

RABAT, Dec 6, (Reuter): Seventeen Islamic fundamentalists were jailed in Morocco yesterday for between one month and a year, a spokesman

for the group said.

They had been accused of belonging to an unauthorised organisation, possessing documents liable to cause a breach of the peace and holding unauthorised meetings.

Students demonstrate KHARTOUM, Sudan, Dec 6, (AP): Police used tear gas yesterday to break up a demonstration over the

fatal wounding of a university student in a fight with another student over campus elections.

Khartoum district attorney Salah El Din Tag El Din said the alleged killer, identified as Faisal Hassan Omer, remained at large. He said Bashir El Tayeb Ibrahim died after the fight Monday night from stab

Oman, Sudan taiks

NICOSIA, Dec 6, (Reuter): Sudan's military leader, General Omar Has-san Al Bashir, held talks yesterday with Sultan Qaboos of Oman on the Sudanese situation and inter-Arab problems, the Omani news agency said.

Coal field battle

SIRNAK, Turkey, Dec 6, (Reuter): Nine Kurdish rebels and a Turkish soldier were killed in fresh fighting in Turkey's troubled southeast, security sources said today.

Waldegrave arrived in North Yemen today as part of a Gulf tour, the official Saba news. gency said.

SANAA, Dec 6, (Reuter): British Foreign Office Minister William

Waldegrave visits

Rebels launch attack NAIROBI, Kenya, Dec 6, (AP): Somali rebels say they launched a major attack on a provincial capital in northern Somalia after govern-ment troops defected to the guerrilla

30,000 appeals

GENEVA, Dec 6, (Reuter): A Red Cross representative left for Beirut today with 30,000 appeals to free two Swiss Red Cross hostages held in Lebanon for two months.

Envoy dispatched

BAGHDAD, Iraq, Dec 6, (AP): The government has sent Deputy Foreign Minister Nizar Hamdoun to Turkey to discuss a proposed drastic cut in the flow of the Euphrates river, diplomats and government officials

Egypt replies

CAIRO, Egypt, Dec 6, (AP): Egypt's foreign minister said today that Cairo has sent to Washington its reply to a US Middle East peace



Herzog in Argentina

Israeli President Chaim Herzog and his wife arrived on Tuesday to a 21-gun salute and a warm reception by President Carlos Menem and his cabinet.

The first visit to Argentina by an Israeli President in office was more persona than official, aldes to Menem said. Picture shows Herzog is being greeted by

Heavy rain hits Gulf

NICOSIA, Dec 6, (Reuter): Iran today reported floods after two days of heavy showers in the Gulf which began as Saudi Arabians prayed for

Tehran radio said floods had cut off villages and washed away roads in the southwestern province of Khuzestan. Karun River, the biggest in the area, had overflowed, disrupting traffic across at least one bridge.

Military aircraft and boats ferried relief supplies to the stricken area, which included the oil industry towns of Masjed Soleyman and Mahshahr. The radio mentioned no damage to oil installations. The rain, which also fell heavily in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the

United Arab Emirates, followed strong northerly winds which brought temperatures down to around 16°C.

On Monday, Saudi Arabian officials and clerics led thousands of worshippers in praying for rain in response to a call by King Fahd.

PLO told to give up attempt to upgrade status

UNITED NATIONS, Dec 6, (AP): The President of the General Assembly has called on Arab and non-aligned nations to abandon their attempt to raise the PLO's status to nonvoting observer state, a day after the PLO

announced it would abandon the effort. The statement by Maj, Gen. Joseph Garba of Nigeria, the assembly President, is part of a face-saving manoeuvre to allow the Arabs and PLO to cease its effort without humilia-

Garba also chided the United States for threatening to withhold its dues payments to the United Nations if the measure passes.

The PLO is an observer organization; it was seeking recognition as a non-voting observer state, like North and South Korea, Switzerland, San Marino, Monaco and the

The State Department said it would cut off all US funds for the United Nations if the General Assembly resolution to raise the PLO's status passed. The United States is assessed \$216 million annually, one-fourth of the UN's budget.

Garba said the United States' contribution to the budget cannot in any way be linked to anything that happens in the General Assem-

"It is an obligation under the charter. It is a debt of the United States, and not a loan to the United Nations or charity."

Garba said the issues involved in the PLO's struggle to raise its status "will require more time to solve," and proposed that the nations sponsoring the resolution defer it and not "insist on bringing it to a vote."

The Arab co-sponsors of the resolution can now withdraw the resolution in response to Garba's appeal, rather than risking defeat in a vote or being humiliated by a public retreat. A vote was scheduled for today.

Mutiny raises questions in US on Cory

WASHINGTON, (Reuter): The sixth coup attempt against President Corazon Aquino is prompting even some of her US supporters in and out of government to wonder about her ability to govern and the future of the fragile Philippine democracy.

As Aquino struggled to put down the most serious military challenge since she took office in 1986, US analysts worried about the impact on her country and its struggling economy, which has begun a turnaround after years of deterioration under the late strongman Ferdinand Marcos.

"I'm really quite pessimistic about the whole thing," said the foreign policy adviser to one influential US senator.

The revolt by dissident troops, which began last Friday and was still causing havoc on Tuesday in Manila's Makati financial dis-trict, will make it "more difficult for the government to deliver on economic benefits," this source

said.
"This really sets them back a Just last month, Aquino made

her first visit to the United States in three years --- a much-publicised campaign to promote trade and investment in the Philip-pines, where poverty remains widespread and fans a corrosive

communist insurgency.

Aquino has been an almost mythical figure in the United States because of her role in returning democracy to the

But the coup attempt, which won heightened international attention when rebels made Makati's affluent homes, corporate headquarters and fancy hotels with foreign clients their last urban stronghold, has wiped

out any gains from her trip.
Until last Friday, most
American experts thought the
housewife-turned-politician had weathered the worst of the military challenges. But now, commented one analyst," I can't believe that's the last gasp (of the coup plotters) — and that's what investors will think too."

by young officers rebelling against what they see as Aquino's weak leadership and a resur-A US-led multilateral initiative to aid the Philippines has just been launched. But its gence of corruption.

Foes see US action as 'naked intervention'

Clouds over political future of Cory

MANILA, (Reuter): Disgruntled military officers may have failed to overthrow President Corazon Aquino but they could have hastened her political demise ahead of next year's presidential elections, political analysts said.

She compromised her political future when she asked the United States to intervene directly to belp her put down the military rebellion which began last Friday.

Nationalists are questioning the propriety of

calling in US air cover so close to negotiations on the future of US military bases in the Philippines. Washington wants to extend the leases on the bases which expire in 1991.

"The issue of the military rebellion against President Aquino is now overshadowed by a far

greater issue — the naked act of military intervention by the United States to prop up her administration," opposition leader Juan Ponce Enrile told the Philippines Senate.

Aquino has publicly discounted the possibility of running for re-election but many Filipinos are sceptical. She was swept to office in a popular revolution sparked by the murder of her husband Renigno Aquino.

The relatively peaceful uprising ended 20 years of authoritarian rule by Ferdinand Marcos who died in exile in Hawaii in September but whose

ghost continues to haunt Philippine politics.

The attempted coup, the sixth against the Aquino government, drew sharp attention to the shortcomings of the Aquino administration.

When Aquino assumed power, the general expectation was that she would quickly end the graft and corruption and government inefficiency, hallmarks of the Marcos years. But halfway through her term she was forced

to admit: "Corruption has returned, if not on the same scale, certainly with equal shamelessness." Reacting to opposition charges her administration was run by "rela-thieves", a reference to her relatives, Aquino pledged she would spare no

one in her efforts to root out corruption. But there is little to show it is succeeding. Despite government assertions that the coup has been crushed after the worst street fighting since World War Two, rebel soldiers continue to control the banking and financial district of

congressman, Aquino treated the dissidents too leniently and now" appeasement of the

Leaders of the coup must be

military must end."

tried and punished, he said, adding: "She's got to get tough." Other experts say Aquino

must address the endemic

Lieutenant-Colonel Rafael Galvez, leader of about 400 rebels holding Makati, told reporters on Tuesday the mutineers would hold out as long

as possible but their situation was hopeless. He repeated rebel demands that Aquino step down in favour of a competent collective leader-ship to guarantee good government.

Vice-President Salvador Laurel, who is bit-terly at odds with Aquino, suggested they both resign to pave the way for early elections and end

Senior officials admit that despite the crushing

army troops resent favouritism of

towards the constabulary and II

endure poor conditions, includ-

military grievances. of the latest coup attempt there would still be dissension within the military.

Manila pumps money

MANILA, (Reuter): Queues formed outside banks in Manila and government planes flew banknotes to provincial towns to meet the demands of jittery Filipinos for extra cash in the tense stand-off following a failed

Central Bank Governor Jose Fernandez said on Wednesday the government had released two billion pesos (\$90 million) into the banking system to meet heavy withdrawals, but he denied there was a bank run.

"It is a normal human response ... it's not a loss of confidence," Fernandez said. "People want to have a large amount of cash in a situation like this — a little more cash because people are uncertain.

President Corazon Aquino, locked in a bitter trial of strength with rebel forces still holding out six days after launching their coup attempt, declared a national state of emergency on Wednesday.

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There have been long queues outside banks in Manila on Tuesday and Wednesday, with people jostling for space and spilling

onto the streets. Government planes flew banknotes to provincial towns where shortages were reported, officials said.

Most banks resumed normal operations on Monday, a day after the government said it had crushed a coup by rebel military officers against Aquino.
But in Manila's glittering dis-

trict of Makati, the financial heart of the country, banks remained closed while loyal troops tried to flush out pockets of rebel soldiers holed up on rooftops of the high-rise build-

ings.
Fernandez said the government was prepared to handle any temporary shortage of cash.

The level of money poured into the banking system since banks re-opened on Monday is the highest the government has ever released in an emergency situation. It released one billion pesos (\$45 million) in the aftermath of the August 1987 coup

Fernandes said the system was strong enough to meet the demand and all of the 29 commercial banks in the country were in good shape and capable of servicing the cash requirements of their clients.

He said the Central Bank had granted "virtually" every request for money from the

Worry cost ofcoup

promise has also been undercut

MANILA, Philippines, (AP): The damage to the Philippines economy from the current coup attempt will last well beyond the final sounds of gunfire in the heart of the embattled Makati financial district.

Less than a week after rebel soldiers launched a putsch to topple President Corazon Aquino, officials are talking about serious damage to efforts to attract foreign investment to this struggling nation.

"The cost (of the attempted coup) was high not only in life and property, but in terms of investments," said Sen. John Osmena. "Tourism will dry up for the next year. The economic recovery has been stalled."

Political unrest is never good news for national economies. But this sixth coup attempt against Aquino's government spells particular trouble because the main battlefield has been the country's financial centre. including three rebel-controlled luxury hotels filled with wellheeled foreign guests.

The country's two stock exchanges are both located in Makati and have been unable to operate since the coup attempt began last Friday. Business sources say the exchanges are considering waiting a day or two after order is restored before reopening for fear share prices in

the opening hours will collapse. Banks and shopping centres in Makati are believed to have suffered substantial damage in recent fighting, which broke out during what should have been the height of the Christmas sales

Among the foreigners trapped in Makati hotels were leading Taiwan industrialists — including Jeffrey Koo, the powerful president of the China Trust Co. Ltd — and Japanese investors, the type of people with the capital needed to help fuel economic growth in the Philippines.

The Japanese have really been terrorized there (in Makati)," House Speaker Ramon Mitra said on Monday. "Many of them are investors. Can you imagine the damage this will

bring?"
Already, Sony Corp. of Japan has said the company may postpone construction of an audio equipment plant if the Philip-pines seems headed for more ins-tability.

Manila can ill afford squeamishness on the part of cash-rich Taiwan, which had \$133 million in approved investments in the Philippines in the first three quarters of 1989, up from \$109 million for all of 1988.

"If the situation continues to deteriorate, the major investors may withdraw their investment," Chi Min-Shen, an official of Taiwan's official Industrial Development and Investment Centre said in Taipei.

Taiwan businesmen "would not risk their lives for whatever incentives or privileges are offered," he said, referring to tax breaks and market access concessions that Manila offers to attract overseas investors.

The Manila fighting also is particularly ill-timed, coming iust after Aquino's trip to Canada and the United States to seek new investment. In numerous appearances before North American business groups, Aquino assured would-be investors that the Philippines was a stable country.

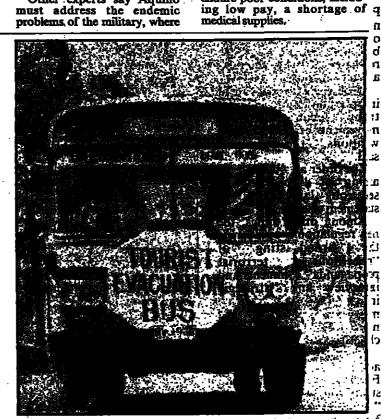


she must face the leadership and

corruption issues to regain con-

After past coup attempts, said the chief adviser to a senior US

American guests at the Intercontinental Hotel register at an evacuation desk before boarding buses which -transported them out of Makati which is still occupied by rehel army troops. (Reuter)



ises which — One of the evacuation buses carrying tourists from the intercontinental of Hotel in Manila drives under a banner inviting foreigners to spend to Christians hade the sun built Phillippines (Richard Reports) 11

Foreigners evacuated from Makati

Danny Chevin of London said he

heard gunfire Tuesday night and saw tracers coming from the roof of the

intercontinental Hotel, just above

"I thought that if they (govern-ment troops) started firing back, it would come right at our windows,"

the room where he was staying.

MANILA. Philippines. (AP): Foreigners in rebel-held hotels in the embattled Makati financial district early Wednesday received the wake-

US analysts — unwilling to be identified because of the sen-

sitivity of being seen as criticising

Aquino - say it is too early to

write her political obituary but

for days.

They were told to pack their bags and board government buses to evacuate their three luxury-class hotels in the bullet-riddled centre of a coup attempt against the Philippine

"It was slick, it was a superb operation," said Crosby Nash, 58, of the United States.

Throughout the morning, as a ceasefire held in Makati, buses ferried hundreds of guests from the hotels to a duty-free shopping centre notes to a duty-free snopping centre 20 minutes away, next to the international airport. About 300 people immediately hopped aboard the first available flights from the country. Nationals from more than 40 countries, including Japan, Britain, Israel, the United States and Peru, were among the 1,800 people ferried from the area.

from the area.
Officials said at least four foreig-

ners remained in the area. Three were "born-again Christians" and the fourth was a Saudi who had such a bad temper his maid refused to awaken him when the evacuation bus arrived, the Tourism Department

Most evacuees arriving at the centre expressed relief after four nerve-wracking days trapped in their hotels by the fighting outside as rebel soling only electric-pink swimming trunks and a Casio watch, said enough was enough. The rest of this coup would be spent poolside at the

Westin Philippine Plaza.

"Four days shut up in a house is too much," said Knight, 41, one of hundreds of foreigners who fled their homes in the rebel-held suburb of Makati on Tuesday. "We were running out of food and the wife and kids were getting

psychologically tense. Frustration was palpable throughout the Makati financial district Tuesday, after days of fighting between mutinous and loyalist

Some civilians, insisting on business-asusual, refused to stop working in the district where soldiers were posted to guard against snipers. Vendors strolled the streets selling cigarettes and balloons, blithely ignoring roadblock signs saying, "no entry, war ahead," "war zone," and "danger: men at

diers mounted the most serious attempt yet to overthrow President

"We were just dying to get out. We were afraid that if they (the rebels) became desperate, they would get us," said Michelle Nadela, 21, of the

United States.

year-old son and 11-year-old daughter to the Plaza to escape the firefight just blocks from their home. Several embassies phoned their nationals in Makati early Tuesday, urging them to flee. The US. Canadian and Japanese embassies

Danger: No entry, war ahead

fight."
Knight, of London, brought his wife, 10-

reserved Plaza ballrooms to house the hundreds of foreign residents who arrived after the hotel filled up.

Efforts to evacuate the area's 350 hotel guests, among them Americans, Germans, Japanese, Canadian and other foreigners bogged down Tuesday just as a power outage plunged the entire shopping and commercial district into darkness.

Rebel leader Lt Col Rafael Galvez and the government negotiator, Tourism Undersecretary Rafael Alunan, agreed to resume talks on evacuation Wednesday.

Chevin said.

Chevin said he recorded the

firefight on videotape, and other guests also left with Makati memen-

Marion Auspitz of New York picked up a bullet found next door to her room in the Manila Peninsula.

lobby of the Intercontinental Hotel when journalists and government negotiators arrived hours after the guests were supposed to have been evacuated Tuesday morning.

"What nobody in this hotel can understand is why, when everybody is clamouring for a + ceasefire, the government seems to ignore the pleas "for evacuation, said a 24-year-old Briton who asked not to be identified.

About 50 pieces of luggages were lined up in the lobby ready to be loaded into about 25 1 buses waiting in a nearby highway. Other guests were waiting in their rooms for word to "

move out. Carroli Greathouse, an American, said the : hotel management had been "superb" and the 's

rebel occupiers "behaved admirably."

"The Rangers have conducted themselves ,-

as gentlemen with a low profile, although they're upstairs on the roof," he said. And Fanny Dickens, a British of resident of Hong Kong, took a picture with a rebel leader before board-

Intercontinental.

ing the evacuation bus from the .

"I found them all sympathetic. O They were very nice and extremely is polite, all of them," she said.

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PHILIPPINES

This is our fight: Bong Bong

NEW YORK, (AP): US military involvement to help Philippines President Corazon Aquino would be tantamount to war between the two countries, the son of ousted president Ferdinand Marcos said in a newspaper article

"If the American government brings in firepower to support the Aquino government, America will be at war with us," Ferdinand Marcos Jr., known as Bong Bong, said in the interview published in the New York Post.

The United States provided air cover last Friday for the Philippine military against

"The logical extreme if pushed to the limits is America lands forces and involves itself in our battle. Let there be no mistake. America will find itself at war with the Philippines," he

"This is our fight," Marcos said. "The man in the street has intense resentment towards US airplanes overflying him. It could push what is now still considered an uprising into full-scale civil war.

"If America comes in to mediate, OK. but, if America tries to intervene between one group and another - and, remember, the rebels are loyal to the United States - our

country will kill the Americans and each other and violence will escalate," he said.

Marcos said Aquino's supporters are not the majority in the country. However, he said there is no person to take over the leadership, and without such a person, factions are sprin-

ging up.
"Temporarily, it would have to be a military junta," he said.

He also said the legacy of his father, who died this year while in exile in Hawaii, is not a part of the present coup attempt. The elder Marcos was toppled from power and replaced by Aquino in a popular uprising in 1986.

Gags on radio, TV Rebel leader appeals to US

(Continued from Page 1)

airing "rebellious or terrorist propaganda" and restricted reporting of loyalist troop movements.

A statement released by the Presidential Palace said the national telecommunications office had issued guidelines to broadcast media restricting reporting of troop locations and movements.

"There will be no airing of information of government troop locations, troop movements or description of weapons," the statement

The order also banned the airing of "obscene and seditious language," the statement said.

Among other things, the new regulations would forbid broadcasting of

rebellious propaganda" comments and inferview and "strategic information" such as troop movements, weapons and numbers of soldiers, the NTC chief said.

During her televised address, Aquino called on Filipinos to turn out in the streets Friday to rekindle the 'people power" that toppled Marcos and propelled her into office 3-1/2 years ago.

"It assesses clear that these people want to kill me to eliminate me, so that they can rule our land," she said, speaking in Tagalog. "What they have forgotten is, power is not theirs to take. They cannot just grab power by killing people. They have to understand, power belongs to you, my beloved countrymen."

During her speech, Aquino's eyes beemed swollen and her face drawn. Several times she gestured by raising her arms slightly, palms up.

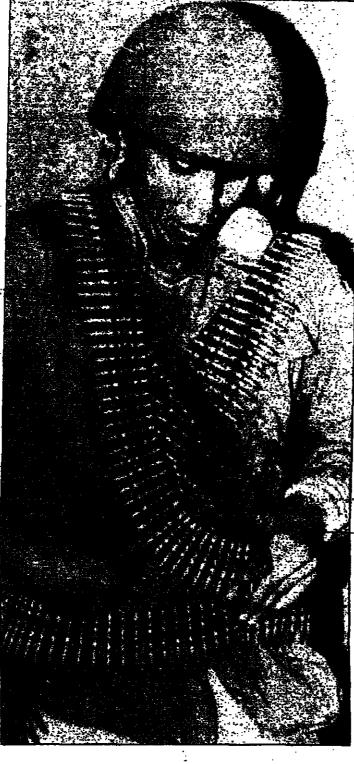
Ordinarily, Aquino delivers speeches in English in a firm, crisp, monotone style. This time, she spoke in Tagalog, the native language better understood by native Filipinos, raising and lowering her voice to emphasize

points. The emergency declaration was the first for Aquino. Marcos declared martial law in 1972 to quell unrest over alleged corruption and vote fraud. He lifted it in 1981 but

retained wide powers. The on-going crisis has shaken public confidence to a much greater extent than any of the other five coup attem-

Central Bank Gov. Jose Fernandez said today that 2 billion pesos (\$91 million) had been withdrawn during runs on Manila banks over the past two days and that there were shortages of cash in many areas of the country because domestic air service

has been suspended. The rebels have demanded that Aquino resign in favour of a coalition to pave the way for a referendum on a new form of government. They



A rebel soldier arms himself with bullet belts during a ceasefire between rebel and government forces in Manila. (Reuter wirephoto)

have accused her of ignoring corruption, refusing to initiate social and economic reforms, and failing to crush

the communist insurgency. Early today, buses began transporting American, Japanese, British, Canadian, Australian and other foreigners who have been trapped in hotels and condominiums in

Makati. More than 30 buses shuttled between the battle zone and a shopping area near the airport, where evacuees were taken until after the evcua-

Military Chief of Staff Gen. Renato de Villa designated Brig. Gen. Arturo Enrile, superintendent of the **Philippine** Military Academy, to negotiate with the rebels in the financial dis-

Sporadic sniping resumed when the evacuation was completed but the ceasefire generally held through the

A rebel officer earlier said rebels might not release the more than 200 Americans out of anger over US military support of Aquino. But a statement issued today said the 'insurgents' executive committee decided to free all

the Americans because "these

American tourists are not our enemy." Later, a statement issued in the name of a rebel leader, Brig. Gen. Edgardo Arben-ina, declared the insurgents

were in a "state of war." "We advise the US government to prepare a plan for the evacuation of its nationals as the impotent Aquino administration may not be able to ensure their safety," said the statement distributed to news organisations.

"We appeal to the American people to exert pressure on the United States government to refrain from pursuing any policy or action which may trigger a new Philippine-American war."

Manila cardinal calls for reforms

MANILA, (Reuter): Manila's influential Roman Catholic arch-bishop, Cardinal Jaime Sin, con-demning an attempted military coup, called on the Philippine government on Wednesday to make urgently needed reforms.

Describing the coup leaders as "false Messiahs and agents of death," the cardinal said failure to act could lead to even worst things to come.

In his strongest statement so far about the sixth attempt against President Corazon Aquino, Sin said the credibility of the administration had been

"Drastic reforms must be introduced into the way the branches of our government are serv-ing the people so that services are efficiently delivered, justice swif-tly administerd, the rewards and burdens of progress are equit ably shared, while graft, corrup-tion and criminality are decisively curbed," Sin said in a

"If we do not mend our ways even worst things are to come."

Sin, who strongly supported the 1986 popular revolt that swept Aquino into office and ended the 20-year authoritarian rule of Ferdinand Marcos, saidthe coup attempt had inflicted incalculable damage on the coun-

Fighting entered its sixth day on Wednesday with heavily-armed rebels holding out against advancing government forces in the commercial and residential district of Makati.

The rightist rebels wanted Aquino out, accusing her of tolerating corruption among her relatives, mismanaging the country and failing effectively to tackle a continuing communist rebellion.

"Why are many, perhaps the majority of our legislators and government officials perceived not to be servants of the people but only of their personal and family interests?"Sin said.

He said the church had backed the government during the coup because it supported democracy. But that did not mean blanket approval of government leaders.

While condemning the riolence and bloodshed of the coup commanders who have "brought out country to the brink of disaster," Sin said there must be some soul-searching by the government and whole nation on the reasons underlaying the coup.

He described the coup as a senseless and brutal act which had resulted in terrible destruction and setback the Philippines economic and political develop-

But, he said, "we are all in varying degrees responsible." "We must ask ourselves: Why has our country become so graft-ridden and violent? Why do so many manifest so little regrad for human life and the rights of others? Why, for example, was there looting of the dead during battles and even mindless curiosity during the fighting? "Why are so many so easily led

by false Messiahs and agents of



Coup-makers gather coup news

Two rebel soldiers take advantage of a ceasetire to read the latest news of their attempted coup against the Aquino government in a local

Praise for radio reporters

MANILA, (Reuter): Radio reporters received high praise on Wednesday from print media colleagues for braving bullets to give listeners blow-by-blow accounts of coup developments in the Philippines.

Columnists from the Star and the Manila Standard, both independent newspapers, were unanimous in thanking them, par-ticularly reporters from private DZRH Radio. The Standard applauded them for

doing the dirty work. Apart from ducking builets, DZRH reporters "braved as well hostility and threats from both the government side and the rebel side,"

columnist Luis Beltran wrote in the Standard, In addition to reporting the news, radio reporters acted as despatchers telling ambulances where to pick up casualties, and relaying messages from people trapped in the Makati financial district to friends and

Petronilo Daroy, another Standard columnist, said there was widespread endorsement for the actions of DZRH reporters during the

"DZRH with its coverage of the present coup had been able to wrest back for radio that high status based on objectivity and balance, ideals which the media were beginning to forfeit," he said.
Two DZRH reporters were injured while

covering street battles in the six-day coup. A reporter for another radio station, DWOO, was shot dead last Friday, the first day of the coup.

A senate resolution filed by Senator Ernesto Maceda on Tuesday commended radio reporters, whom it said "risked their lives to inform listeners objectively about the current events.

Highlights

Demand to close US bases: The Philippines' main opposition party called today for the removal of US military bases in the country following the intervention of American

warplanes in last Friday's attempted coup. The Nacionalista Party, which previously supported gradual removal of the bases, said it now feels the US military presence "cancels out Philippine independence and mocks the

The party is headed by Vice-President Salvador Laurel and former Defence Minister Juan Ponce Enrile.

"The Nacionalista Party therefore calls for the non-renewal in any manner or form of the bases agreement of 1947 upon its termination as ordained by the constitution in 1991 and for the abrogation of the Philippine-US mutual security treaty," the party said in a statement.

Air base under rebels control: A strategic air force base in the central Philippines remained under rebel control today after government forces called off a planned dawn attack, a military commander said.

Brigadier-General Renato Palma said his forces were poised to attack the Mactan air base when Philippine armed forces chief General Renato de Villa ordered a halt to the operation. Loyal troops, backed by a tank and two armed personnel carriers, were positioned ready to attack at one end of a bridge linking

Cebu city to Mactan island, 570 km (360 miles) south of Manila, Palma said. The air base has been under rebel control since mutineers launched a coup against President Corazon Aquino on Friday. Palma did not say why the assault was halted and said be was awaiting further orders from general headquarters in Manila. (Reuter)

Tourists leave embattled hotels: Chuching his golf clubs, Australian tourist Alan Midcaif left his embattled luxury Manila Hotel, where he was trapped with rebel Philip-pine soldiers fighting an abortive coup, as loyal-ist helicopters hovered overhead.



Defence preparation

Rebel army soldiers bind bundles of dynamite together in the car park of the Twin Towers building in the business district of Manila as they prepare against an attack by government troops. The rebels, who released hotel guests from nearby hotels, still maintain control of several buildings in Makati. (Reuter wirephoto)

"I think everyone's a bit relieved, tired, but the rebels have treated us well," said Melbourne resident Midcalf as he climbed into a whiteflagged bus sent under a ceasefire accord to evacuate hundreds of foreigners from hotels in Manila's Makati financial district. Midcalf said he would return in a few months to resume his interrupted golf game. (Reuter)

US praise for Cory restraint: The United States yesterday praised what it described as the restraint shown by Philippine government forces battling mutineers in an area of Manila where thousands of civilians, including 210 Americans, were trapped.

"We greatly appreciate the restraint demonstrated so far by the Philippine government forces, in light of our expressions of concern about the safety of Americans in the area," said State Department spokesman Richard Boucher. (Reuter)

Singapore hopes victory for Cory: The charge d'affaires of the Singapore embassy in Manila, T. Jasudasen, said he was confident the Philippine government would gain the upperhand in the current fighting in Manila's financial district of Makati.

He was also confident that most of the fight-ing would be over soon. Jasudasen was speaking in a telephone interview with the Singapore

Broadcasting Corporation.

He said about 230 Singaporeans were registered with the embassy.

"In the Makati area, we have on our register

71 Singaporeans who are basically in four large hotels," he said.

The diplomat said the Singapore embassy was in constant touch with the military authorities, hospitals and the various hotels. (Kuna)

Six days alone in battle zone: A terrified South Korean woman emerged from hiding today after spending more than five days alone in a luxury Manila flat as Philippine loyalist troops battled rebels in the streets out-

Park Sin-Son, 35, came out a full hour after the last evacuation bus left the embattled Makati financial district after taking to safety some

5,000 Filipino and foreign civilians trapped in nearby hotels and high-rise blocks. She didn't learn of the evacuation until it was over. "I didn't know," she said. "Nobody tele-

Emergency declaration likely to widen rift in Philippines

MANILA, Dec 6, (Reuter): Philippine President Corazon Aquino's decision to resort to emergency powers is sure to alienate the pro-democracy movement that swept her into office and sharpen opposition to her rule while failing to solve the problems besieging. her government, political analysts say.

They said the emergency declaration issued by Aquino as she tried to put down a six-day army mutiny was bound to increase the power of the military faction loyal to her and further widen the divisions in her army.

It could also erode her support in the international community, which has regarded Aquino as a stout champion of democracy.

When she took over the presidency in 1986 after a popular revolt ended ended the 20-year rule of Ferdinand Marcos, Aquino vowed to be the complete opposite of the former

Nearly four years and six army coups attempts later, the once painfully-shy widow appears to have realised that the soft words of democracy can never turn aside the guns of a mutinous army, diplomats and political

analysts said. Supporters of Aquino, who is often criti-cised for her leadership, welcomed the emergency prociamation, saying it was time she cracked the whip, especially against a mutin-

ous political opposition.

They said Aquino was attempting to grab the political initiative after having been put on the defensive by her military and political

The emergency proclamation gave Aquino authority to take over privately-owned public utilities and businesses linked to public

Under the proclamation, the government banned the broadcast of rebel propaganda and of troop locations and movements. This is needed to enable her to handle the

present crisis," scnator Leticia Shahani said. The latest military insurrection bore signs that unrest in the ill-equipped regular army of 160,000 was growing despite Aquino's attempts to win their loyalty by increasing pay and giving them better combat boots.

The political opposition, led by Aquino's

own Vice President Salvador Laurel, backed the mutiny, the first time that politicians openly declared their support for an armed rebellion against her government.

Laurel called the rebellion a display of 'democracy at its fullest sense."

"This (proclamation) is an open admission by her of the gravity of the problems facing the government and a confession of inability to solve them," a businesman said.

He said the proclamation would add to the present climate of uncertainty which has aiready triggered bank runs. "She must produce results. Right now the

businessman's only concern is, when can we go back to our offices in Makati?" Rebels have occupied high-rise buildings in

the Makati district, shutting down the area where the country's biggest banks and multinational companies, as well as international hotels and foreign embassies, are located.

Officials said the emergency proclamation was a temporary measure and that Aquino was not contemplating martial law.

The Senate met on Wednesday to discuss a possible broadening of Aquino's emergency powers, but senators said martial law was out of the question because it smacked too much

of Marcos. "Having suffered so much under the martial law rule (of Marcos), she would be very judicious in exercising such powers," Defence

Secretary Fidel Ramos said. Politically, Ramos, Aquino's chief military

ally who is widely believed to nourish presidential ambitions, stood to benefit most from the emergency declaration.

Ramos would be in charge of enforcing the emergency, further increasing Aquino's dependence on her defence chief, who has been credited with putting down the army rebellion against her.

Economists said the emergency declaration was intended to restore business confidence. which had been severely damaged by the latest coup attempt.

"She is trying to show her strength, hoping to quell business fears. If she doesn't deliver now, she is politically finished," one political

analyst said.

Lopez, Mila Lorenzo. Lito and Fe Manaloto. Rose Naces, Jean Pastor, Mads Ramos, Mandy Salvo,

Aileen Sampiano. Nini Simbahon, Jhet Tan, Cora Teh and Vivian Velasquez, with the very special

at the Indian Arts Circle, Fun-

aitees on February 2, 1990. Pas-ses will be available shortly. Kuwait Nomada RFC FRIDAY 8 December at

SPORTS Victory day cricket TO mark the Victory Day of Bangladesh, an exhibition

cricket match will be played. organised by Brothers Sporting Club on Friday 15th December in EPI Ground in Sulaibikhat. All Bangladeshis interested to participate in the game are

requested to appear in EPI ground on 7th December at 3 pm for trial match. Besides the cricket match

other attractions are stalls for

Ahmadi. Kuwait Nomads vs Bahrain RFC First XV in league match, second XV in cup match. All spectators most welcome. Action starts at 1:00 pm. Details from S. Hill 5391720 or G. Adams 5644533. Football Tournament

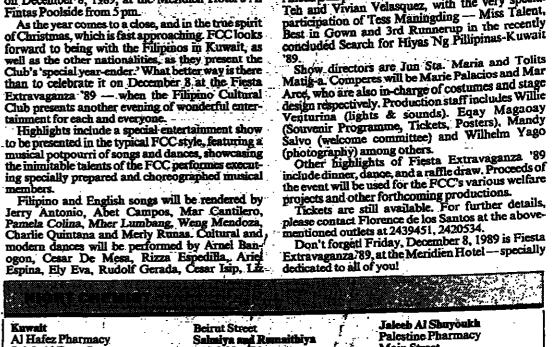
PEOPLE'S Trust Club tiebreaker football tournament for all Indian teams to commemorate Jawaharlal Nehru Centenary Year on 15th Dec. on Sour Ground at 8.30 am. Contact Domnic Rodrigues and Camilo.



Meridien honours producers

Kuwait were recently honoured at a reception hosted by the hotel's general manager, Keaton Woods. Valuable door prizes including airline tickets were

Seez Aur Aswez FEB 2: Saaz Aur Aawaz, one of the leading Indian musical



Main Street

Jahra Al Khaled Pharmacy

operative Society

Opposite to Jahra Co-

resources start dwin-

dling in the year 2087 a

specially selected crew

of young men and

women are assembled for a long journey that will take them though dangerous and unchartered space to find

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8.30 Breaking away. Re-

"The River Reaches The Sea." The out-come of the journey

along the Yellow

River banks and

valleys which cross a

distance of 5 thousand

kilometer. Tidal

movements near its

variety of activities

A heavy equipment

shop-owner asks

Jackie to marry him

Roseanne and her hus-

band has to discuss on

estuary. Weekend

Program. A weekly was burger broken programme on different topics and

10.00 Roseanne "Saturday."

8.00 News in English

Al Munayes to hold sixth exhibition

AFTER a brief love-affair with abstract arr, Kuwaiti artist, Ahmad Al Munayes, has reverted to his old impressionistic style. Al Munayes, who has held five one-man shows, will show his impression of Kuwait in the past at his sixth exhibition. It will open at the Free Ateliers Gallery, Arab Gulf Street, on December 9. Organised under the auspices of the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters, the exhibition will remain open until Dec 18. Exhibition timings are: 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm. The picture show some of his works.

Christmas is coming

THE Kuwait Singers, in keeping with tradition, will be back this year with seasonal melodies at a gala concert later this month.

"The Kuwait Singers will offer a generous sampling of the music that delights millions at this time of year," said a spokesman.

The longest piece in this year's programme will be "A Ceremony of Carols," written in 1942 by the great English Composer Benjamin Britten. In this work, mediaeval poems on the season, the Nativity, and the Christ Child. are set to music that is alternately soothing and rousing. Other "classical" works that

will be presented include chorus from Bach's Christmas Oratorio and Handel's Messiah, and Julemotet by Norwegian composer Eyvind Alnaes.

The rich literature of folk music celebrating the Christmas story will be presented by traditional carols from England, France, Germany, Spain, Italy, the Southern United States and the Hbrides. Modern songwriters have enriched this literature, creating new traditions. One of them was Irving Berlin, who died in September. Berlin's much loved melody "White Christmas" will also be

ranging from the Australian imagery of County Carol to the satirical wit of Tom Lehrer, will

be one of the highlights.
The Kuwait Singers have included readings that "capture the flavour of Christmas" season. The audience will get an opportunity to join in and sing some of the world's best-loved carols.

The Kuwait Singers spokes-man Frank Constable promised a "feast of seasonal song — one that we hope will add to the delights experienced by one and

The concerts will be held on Dec 13 and 14.



The Kuwait Singers in rehearsal.

Al Andulus Shock Troop Salmiyah Hall Booked Al Hamra Over Board Drive-in Arabic film Al Firdons Jaisi Karni Waisi Bharni Fahaheel Open Janam Janam Fababee! Parbat Al Jahra Arabic film Granada Nowhere to Hide Sulaibikhat Battle Truck Jleeb Rama-o-Rama

Ahmadi Drive-in

Arabic film

CINEMA TODAY

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Sulaibikhat

North Shore Yateem Alemadi Drive-in Arabic film.

Maghreb

PRAYERS Fajr Zohr 5.05 am 11.39 2.31 pm 4.50 6.11 Maghreb Isha FRIDAY Fajr Zobr 5.06 am 11.40 2.31 pm 4.50



Oh! to be in Goa

THE exhibition of cartoons titled 'Oh to be in Goa' by popular Goan cartoonist Alexyz Raphael Fernandes held recently at the Indian Embassy Auditorium evoked hearty response, specially from the Goan

Alexyz cartoons highlighted different facets, the good and the seamy side of Goan life in different sections like: Goan characters, tourism, environment, rising prices, games, feni etc.

The exhibition was inaugurated by Verghese Gee, first secretary of the Indian embassy and head of the

chancery. In his speech Verghese said Alexyz wields a wide canvas depicting Goan life in a myriad forms. His brush while covering the sublime as well as the grotesque, has a social message for us all... Some other comments jotted were: "A walk around an exhibition like this makes one feel one is in Goa with all its charms, faults, humour and way of life," Dr Gerry Rodricks. "Cartoons were gorgeous though in

Kuwait I felt my presence in Goa," Pascoal. About the exhibition Alexyz said he was glad that Goans in Kuwait enjoyed the cartoons and was also grateful for the constructive criticism which, he said he would feature in his forthcoming exhibitions scheduled for Delhi, Bangalore and Bombay in India.

TEVEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 The opening and Holy

Quran 9.15 Sabah Al Kher, news and variety

9.30 Cartoons 10.00 Magazine D'Actualite (repetition) 10.25 Reial Fi Al Masyada:

Arabic serial (part 4), starring Fuad Khaleel, Afaf Rashad and Sahar Rami 10.30 The Open University:

Cultural programme 12.00 Sabah Al Kher, news and variety 12.15 Hewar wa Nagham:

variety programme, prepared by Qasem Abdul Qader 1.00 News summary

1.05 The World Today via Satellite (repetition) 1.30 Sports in a Week: sports programme, prepared and presenby Sports Programme Control

3.30 Liqa Al Khamees: Variety programme 5.00 Barcen: cartoon serial

(part 2) 5.30 Cartoons 5.45 Night chemists, airlines and official

6.00 Al Islam Hadhara: religious serial (part

7.00 Egypt Information Message to the State of Kuwait

equestrian programm-

7.45 Kul Al Fonoon: local programme, prepared by Hasan Awara

7.15 Al Foroosiya: local

Satellite (repetition)

Variety programme, prepared and presented by Varieties Programmes Control 3.00 Daqat Al Saa: Arabic serial (Part 10) 4.00 Hadeeth

1.05 The World Today via 1 30 The Friday Break:

8.30 Maa Al Islam: reli-

9.45 Saber: Arabic serial

1.30 The World Today via

2.00 Holy Quran and Closedown

9.00 The Opening and Holy

9.30 Sharlot Adventures:

Cartoon serial

10.00 Magazine D'Actualite

programme 10.30 Al Ahadeeth Al Maw-

Abu Ismaei

12.30 Alwan:

Wahab

11.00 Live from the Grand

(repetition) Children's Magazine:

dooa: Religious

programme, presen-

ted by Sheikh Salah

Mosque for the Friday

programme, prepared

by Mohammed Al

Fares and presented

by Fatema Abdul

Prayers and speeches

children's

Variety

Mathkoor

9.00 News in Arabic

12.30 Special variety

1.25 News summary

Satellite

Quran

Local

9.15 Cartoons

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(part 12) Al Motarad: Arabic

feature film, starring Noor Al Shereef,

1.00 News Summary

9.45 Wrestling

12.00 News Summary 12.05 The World Today via

12.25 Holy Quran and Closedown

KTV2

6.00 Opening announce-ment & Holy Quran 6.10 Fantastic Max. A car-

deal with information. 7.00 Wild America "Swamp Bear," A look at a kind of bears and other animals that live on swamps taken as refuge by certain animals.

FCC gets ready for 1990

THE Filipino Cultural Club's Christmas Special -Fiesta Extravaganza '89, is all set for presentation on December 8, 1989, at the Meridian Hotel's Al

As the year comes to a close, and in the true spirit

Fintas Poolside from 5 pm.

tainment for each and everyone. -

Al Hafez Pharmacy

Hawaiti and Nugra

Al Firdous Pharmacy

Salah Al Deen Street

Al Montaser Pharmacy

Ahmad Al Jaber Street

Al Sharawi

(Part 3)

a Week

5.45 Night

7.15 The

Religious programme,

presented by Sheikh Mohammed Metwalli

Local programme

airlines and official

Kuwait in a Week:

Programme: Local

programme (Part 9)

Religious programme,

presented by Sheikh

News programme

programme 7.45 Silk Road: Cultural

8.40 Hadeeth Al Osboo:

Ali Al Jassar

9.00 News in Arabic

advertisements

6.00 KTV1 Programmes in

chemists.

Family

7.30 My Secret Identity You've got a Friend. 4.45 We are Your Friends: Andrew, after reading, a lot about Noel the 5.00 Bereen Team: Serial Super Star he con-

Al Maidan Pharmacy

Baghdad Street
Fakaheel and Akmadi

Al Badeya Pharmacy Fahaheel

siders the latter as his a only friend! 32.8.00 News in English

8.30 Murder, She Wrôte "Smooth Operator." - Smooth Operator. has to piece together evidence to find out the motives for mur-

dering "Elliot"
9.30 Just for the Record. An exciting and entertaining programme, on

record breaking achievements from the trivial.

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Variety cultural late Face," Starring Eli-ment show with writerou and see tangabetha Montgoment, Face," Starring: Eli-Hena Meena 1 Robert Foxword And American biological woman spends most of ching for the second half of an ancient human skull. She meets an English

adventurer in the same area...and difference arise between both of

10.00 News in Brief

toon series for children

6.30 Mr Wazard's World. A variety of magic acts and illusions...training children how to use or

12.15 Magazine D'Actualite

FRIDAY

6.00 Opening announce-ment & Holy Quran 6.10 Macron 1. Cartoon series for children
6.30 Walt Disney film

"Earth-Star Voyager"

part I. When Earth's

this matter. 10.30 Supercarrier. Because of her longstanding relationship with the Georgetown's captain, Susan is well aware of the potential

dangers of her first results on Rawley. She discusses her findings with a pilot friend.

11.30 News in Brief 11.45 Magazine D'Actualite

what's on

ARTS

6.12

THERE will be a seminar at he DAA on "Arabic & European Art in the Light of Zodiocal Symbolism" December 10, 1989 - January 10, 1990. Sunday and Tuesday 11.00 -12.30 am. Anyone wishing to register for this seminar may do so at the DAA during museum hours.

SOCIAL

Musical evening with Adnan

ADNAN BUTT, a talented and versatile radio, TV and stage singer from Pakistan will be performing at the El Dira Ramada Al Salam Hotel on Friday, Dec 15, at 6.00 pm. Those interested in attending the event should contact the following phone numbers for details after 4.30 pm: 3919720, 3610088, 4743955, 4760502, 5643851 and 5712731.

KOSA meeting KOSA Annual General Meeting — 17 December 7.30 pm Shaab Marina. All members should attend to elect the 1990 committee. For further details please call the KOSA Secretary Declan Mannion on 2452880

Bhartiya Kala Sangam

A family get-together for members of Bhartiya Kala Sangam will be held at the Indian Embassy premises on Thursday, Dec 7, 1989 at 7:30 pm. There will be an entertainment programme including 'fancy dress competition' for children, lucky draw, and sumptuous buffet for members. Lots of prizes and surprises await for one and all. For details please contact tele. 5628171, 2551305.

from 9 pm with Stepping Stones music. Variety enter-tainment and prizes galore for lucky 5 5 5 promotion and X'mas Hamper draws with sumptuous buffet at mid-night. Childrens' programme com-mences at 6 to 8.30 pm with Fancy Dress Competition. For reservations please contact Vincent Tel. 2413706, James 5331940 also at Shop No. 34 A.M. Ex-New Super

DEC 21: Thursday Christ-

mas dinner social at Ramada Al Salam Le Miraj Ballroom

Market Kuwait. German-speaking Cultural Association

The association's next event will be at the St Nicholas Party on Thursday, Dec 7, 3 pm at International Hotel's Grand Ballroom. Tickets for this event will be available at the bazaar, German embassy, German school, liberary and at the coffee morning.

Kuwait Little Theatre
KUWAIT Little Theatre, Ahmadi, proudly present their pantomime extravaganza - Sinbad the Sailor. Tickets are now on sale for the following performances: Evening performances on 6th and 13th Dec at 7 pm, Matinee performances on 7th, 8th, 14th and 15th Dec at 2 and 5 pm. Ring 3919759 now to avoid disappointment.

IAC Children's Competition THE dates of finals of the Children's Competition will take place at IAC Funaitees on 13th, 14th, 15th, 27th and 28th December '89 and 18th January '90 respectively. For more details contact Indian Schools.



TOP producers for the Meridien won by the guests in a raffle.

groups of Kuwait present their fourth musical programme



BUSINESS & FINANCE

French firm discusses Iraqi deal

BAGHDAD, Dec 6, (Reuter): The head of the French aviation firm Aerospatiale, Jacques Mitterrand, met Iraqi President Saddam Hussein yesterday, Baghdad television reported.

It gave no details of the talks, out diplomats said Mitterrand's delegation was discussing a deal to sell French Mirage 2000 fighters and Alpha jet trainers to Iraq. French embassy officials declined to comment on the nature of the visit.

The French delegation, which has been in Baghdad for three days, also met First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan and Industry and Military Industrialisation Minister Hussein Kamel Hassan.

Hassan said in April that Iraq was negotiating with France and the Soviet Union on buildings its own advanced jet at a plant near Mosul.

It might also seek technology from British Aerospace on Dassault-Breguet/Dornier, makers of the Alpha, to design and construct the aircraft, he said.

Athens stock market tumbles

ATHENS, Dec 6, (Reuter): The Athens stock market tumbled today as investors grew wary about the chan-ces of Greece's new all-party govern-ment being able to cure the country's

economic ills, brokers said.

The general share index fell to its est level in three weeks, closing at 444.4 or 2.2 per cent down on Mon-day and almost five per cent down on Friday's finish.
After a brief buying spree when the

composition of the government was agreed on November 21, the market hascome down by almost 12 per cent. "We have a withering market because of the government delay in and increasing doubts over whether the measures will be enough to correct the great public sector

deficits," stockbroker Michael Hadjelias said. The conservative, socialist and communist parties joined forces after an inconclusive November election, omy would collapse if no action were

taken.
The government said it would save on public borrowing needs by cutting ues and reducing the debts of ailing

Bonn to seek compromise on EEC monetary union BONN, Dec 6, (Reuter): Chancellor Helmut Kohl faces a tricky time at this

week's European Economic Community summit, trying to balance commit-ments to a united EEC and German reunification with the doubts of many West Germans about European Mon-

etary Union.

West German government sources said today that Kohl, who last week unexpectedly unveiled a plan for German reunification, would ask the Strasbourg summit to accept a slight delay in preparations for a single European

French President Francois Mitterrand, current president of the 12member group, has been pressing for an intergovernmental conference by late 1990 to pave the way for monetary

"Kohl wants the conference to start in the first half of 1991," a senior government official told Renters. Kohl

would propose this timing at Strasbourg, he added.

The other members see Bonn's stand on monetary union as a test on its commitment to Western European integration, especially in light of its declared goal of reuniting with the rapidly changing East German state

The issue is also a problem at home, where Bonn's finance minister and Central Bank governor - concerned that a European central bank might not light inflation as strictly as West Germany does - are against an early commitment to a timetable.

But the issue is so complicated that some officials say West Germany is still undecided about what it could accept at

"One can't see any clear consensus on the question of the conference's timing," said one government source. Even West Germany's most enthusiastic backers of monetary union are urging caution.

Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher has backed French demands for the summit to decide on a 1990 conference, but now says the main decisions do not have to be taken at Strasbourg.

"Strasbourg must achieve agreement on its (the conference's) necessity," the said at a meeting last Sunday of his liberal free Democrat Party.

But decisions about what the con ference can do should be put off until the second half of 1990, he added. "This aims at satisfying those cautious about European monetary reform, while appeasing the French," said one government source.

Polls show that West Germans are opposed to a common European currency as they see it as a poor substitute for the mark, one of the world's most stable currencies.

Govt plans to cut its budget deficit

Libya to give private sector greater role

TRIPOLL, Dec 6, (Reuter): After years of rigid state control, Libya is encouraging private business so long as it follows Colonel Muammar Khaddafi's ruling that workers are partners and not slaves.

"The intention is to expand gradually the role of individuals and co-operatives in the economy," a confidential official document made available to Reuters said.

It indicates the authorities will not allow private businesses to grow into capitalist-style companies where the workers receive wages and the owners read the profits.

But foreign economists say the proposed measures would boost the private sector and follows encouraging early results of an econom liberalisation programme launched

debt-ridden economy.

on stream in 1995.

budget deficit by phasing out all sub-sidies on foodstuffs such as wheat, flour, sugar, tea and salt but controls on prices and on exchange and interest rates will not be eased in the near future, the document said.

After years of strict control of all businesses except small farms and private artisans, the government last year allowed private shops to reopen. Ownership of some state-owned factories has been transferred to the employees under the "partners, not

Libya depends heavily on oil but wer world prices in recent years have hit the economy. The document, a rare insight into

government economic planning, says, "these initiatives should be con-sidered the start of a gradual process

Nigeria considers expanding gas project

Project vital to economy

Framewojects to be built on the coastal Bonny. The first contracts were likely to be signed in the first

Elf Aquitaine.

in the light of evolving circumstan-

In line with Khaddafi's theories, the only workers in private companies must be family members of partners in the company. In practice part-nerships often employ foreigners

The next stage of the liberalisation will come when the government allows private companies and part-nerships to import directly most types of goods.

"Eventually public and private entities will share import activities equally," the document says. At the noment the public sector dominates. To stimulate the private sector and ease balance of payments pressures, foreign consultants have urged the government to devalue the dinar to

panies, in Lagos to discuss long term gas supply contracts with Nigeria LNG Ltd.

The firm is 60 per cent owned by the Nigerian

National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), 20 per cent by a subsidary of Britain's Shell and 10 per cent

each by subsidiaries of Italy's Agip and French firm

in place within a year and sales contracts were almost concluded. Executives at the conference said

Lukman said financing for the project should be

boost exports, raise interest rates to encourage savings and end fixing retail prices.

Libya's current account balance deteriorated in 1988 to a deficit of \$2.3 billion from \$1 billion in 1987, partly because the liberalisation released pent-up demand for all imports not previously available.

The consultants argued that devaluation would encourage non-oil exports and cut imports, that higher interest rates would promote savings and that liberalisation would make the economy more efficient.

Libya has so far resisted the consultants' advice. Foreign economists estimate that Libya's foreign reserves of about \$4 billion could be depleted by the end of 1991 if the current trend

Industrial output dips

ALGIERS, Dec 6, (Reuter): Algerian industrial output fell in the first quarter of 1989 because of strikes and poor supplies of raw materials, an official report obtained

today said.
The National Statistics Office said state sector industrial production fell 5.5 per cent over the same 1988 period, and slipped around one per cent from the previous quarter.

Investors flood into W. German markets

LONDON, Dec 6, (Reuter): West Germany captured centre stage in world financial markets today as its share soared to 1989 highs and its mark currency

edged nearer a year-best. Shares in Frankfurt rose two per cent to hit a fresh closing high for 1989 as buy orders from

foreign investors flooded in. Driving the market is a belief that West German firms are well placed to benefit from the demand for goods and services which will rise out of the changes

sweeping Eastern Europe.

"There is no major West German firm that is not currently involved in negotiations with East Germany," said Alexander Magona of Banque Paribas capital markets.

Shares in carmaker Volkswagen jumped 16.10 marks (\$9.15) to close at a fresh 1989 high of 516 marks (\$293.20) after it announced on Tuesday that it had proposed setting up a joint venture in East Germany.

The Frankfurt Bourse's 30share Dax Index closed 33.74 points higher at 1,658.35, just up from the previous 1989 high on September 8 of 1,658.12.

The mark continued to rise against other major currencies and dealers said it retained a favourable interest rate differential over the dollar and the Japanese yen.

Qatar monitors Gulf needs for gas grid

DOHA, Qatar, Dec 6, (AP): Qatar has asked its neighbours in the Gulf Co-operation Council to provide details of their gas needs over the coming years as it harnesses its major north gaslield, officials said

The request came a day earlier during a committee meeting to discuss setting up a gas grid to link the six Gulf Co-operation Council member states — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar.

Managing director of the Quair General Petroleum Corp., Jaber Ai Merri, said all GCC countries have expressed their willingness to participate in the scheme

He said the project will be a major source of income for Qatar in the The Outari team asked the GCC to present to Qutar necessary information about the economic feasibility of the project and their gas

requirements over the next years, Al Merri said. All GCC countries will provide the information within a week, and Qatar will prepare a study within two months, he added.

The committee convened at the request of the GCC oil ministers who met in Abu Dhabi last month to consider bolstering co-operation in the oil industry.

Qatar's North Field, with proven reserves of 150 trillion cubic feet and potential of 380 trillion cubic feet, is one of the largest in the world. Commercial production is to start within two years, with initial output set at 800 million cubic feet per day. Qatar plans exploitation of the field to serve its domestic industry, then the region's and then exports outside the region.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Dec 6, (Reuter): The market closed little changed as investors awaited direction from offshore. The All-Ordinaries index rose 2.2 points to close at

TOKYO: Tighter margin requirements helped slow but could not stifle the market rally as stubborn investors kept buying, pushing prices to new highs. The Nikkei index jumped 160.12 points to close at 37,654.29.

BOMBAY: Prices rose selectively in mixed reactions to the new cabinet. ZURICH: The market proved

resilient to higher interest rates. The All-Share index lost 1.4 points to 1,142.6.

PARIS: Paribas gained 28 francs to 699. Unexplained buying of the bank and its sub-sidiaries led the Cac-40 index up 21.03 points to 1,960.29.

Lukman was addressing top executives from two US firms and a European consortium of five comsaid Samuel Bodman, chairman of the Cabot Corp **Expat finance**

LAGOS, Dec 6, (Renter): Nigeria said today it might consider expanding a \$2.5 billion liquefied natural gas (LNG) project vital to the country's

Petroleum Resources Minister Rilwanu Lukman

said encouraging demand, especially from the

United States, meant the government might give

"early consideration" to a third liquefaction train

for the four million tonnes a year plant, due to come

Proper drawing up a will is vital

island in Rivers state, is currently due to start off quarter of 1990.

LET me begin this section by categorically stating that I am not an international lawyer and I cannot therefore help you to draw up a will. The purpose of getting these thoughts published is to draw to your attention to the need of having a properly drawn-up document drafted by a competent international lawyer in order to avoid the sorts of mix-up and confusion of which I am

about to give a few examples. If you are wealthy enough to care about how your estate is disposed of or if you have property or belongings in a country other than the one in which you are domiciled, or if you have been married more than once, then you owe it to your family-heirs to invest a little time and cash in a properly drawn up will. (You are treated as domiciled in your country of birth unless you opt otherwise. If you are the millionaire illegitimate son of a Swedish mother — father strongly suspected of being one of the....? Father strongly suspect!!!— and born on the camel trail to Ulan Bataar, then you would be well advised to seek a legal opinion on this

question!).
Jim, a native of Scotland, lost his first wife ten years ago. He then made a will, leaving his estate in Scotland, house in London and share portfolio, likewise in London, in trust for his two minor children. He subsequently met and married a very wealthy American widow but decided nothing needed changing since they both felt that the British assets should go to the children. Six months ago, he died. Not only does his second wife have a claim on his fortune but also nave a caum on his fortune our also the Inland Revenue are looking for their bite, since his second marriage, under UK law, nullified his will and he, in fact, died interstate. (That means without a will, least you'll be indulging in flights of fancy).

Roger, a wealthy Londoner was married to Rachael, had a son called Robert and a daughter called Ruth, and decided to buy a chateau in the Dordogne in France. He and Sosan had wills leaving everything to each

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ON-THE-JOB training program. Don't waste your other. On a visit to his chateau, Roger was indulged in the Vino, wrapped his Jaguar round a way side poplar and killed himself in the process. Rachael now wishes to sell the chateau but cannot, under French law, Robert and Ruth have a right as minors to one third each of the chateau and, under UK law, Rachael has no right to contract bind the real estates of her infant wards.

Perhaps the message about needing the services of an international lawyer is beginning to get through? Onesuch Caroline Garnham, a partner in Solicitors Johnson-Hicks, states in a recent article in the Interstates in a recent article in the inter-national magazine.—"It seems that a foreign will, made according to foreign law, cannot revoke a disposi-tion of English real estate disposed of under a UK will made according to

I very strongly suspect that the same applies to the United States, Canada, Australia and wherever, since each country tends to have a very protective attitude towards its own laws and regards them as superior to others — chauvinists all!!
Just to complicate matters further,

most European countries have a tax on wealth left behind when the owner on wealth left behind when the owner dies. In Britain this is now called Inheritance Tax, the French have succession laws very similar to the British and the Spaniards, rather nostalgically call it "Patrimonio." There is a nostalgic feeling, I dare say, also about dispatching the cheque to pay for it, or having to sell the villa to raise the cash to arrange one saffairs. raise the cash to arrange one saffairs to avoid a large slice of this tax, or at best to delay its impact. This is tax-avoidance, not tax-evasion, and so is

quite legal. Again, a detailed knowledge of the relevant laws is essential, so we are back in the lawyers office, avoiding.

not evading.
In a much quoted judgement handed down by Lord Clyde in London in 1929, he stated "No man is under the smallest obligation, moral or other, to so arrange his legal relations ess or to his property as to enable the Inland Revenue to put the largest possible shovel in his stores. A whole industry has grown up around ways and means of shrinking that shovel, with the legal profession and the life assurance experts being the leading exponents of how it's done. The process varies from tax-

regime to tax-regime and usually involves a simple re-arrangement of wills and the use of life policies, fun-ded either from income or within the allowable gifts range and written under a trust arrangement.

Some of the steps are so simple as

to be obvious—take Mr X who has an estate of £810,000. If he leaves the lot to his surviving wife then she, in her turn, will suffer a tax of 40 per cent under British law, on the excess over £280,000. This is only payable, of course on his wife's eventual death, by leaving the first £110,000 direct to his eventual heir, his daugh-ter, she incurs no tax on his death (as before) but his wife's estate is reduced to £700,000 which, in its turn has a threshold of £110, thus leaving £590,000 taxable. This simple expedient has reduced his daughter's tax bill at least £44,000.

If his wife survives for a number of years, there could be substantial growth on that. From there in it pays to be a little eleverer but at the same time wary of being too elever, as there are a number of "glittering dustbins" being pushed by fly-by-night organ-isations which simply don't work. Trusts will work for most Europeans at present, for instance, the Australian Tax Authorities (who don't have Inheritance Tax) are concerned with the spirit rather than the letter of the law and view trusts with a good deal of suspicion. They will "look through" a trust and if they adjudge that the purpose of setting this up was to avoid or evade tax, then they simply ignore it.

British Trust law is a minefield for the unwary and those unfamiliar with the jargon — Remainder — Men, Roversion to Settler etc. — will do well to spend a little time getting to understand the terminology and the do's and dont's. British Trust law changed radically in the mid-seven-ries, with new laws replacing the old However, India, Pakistan and

older form as does I think, Canada, (I am in the course of investigating the Canadian rules at the moment, so if there's a Canadian Trust law expert reading this, I'd appreciate hearing from him).

There is no Indian law which prevents an Indian expatriate from transferring offshore assets to an offshore trust. If the expatriate relinqui-shes assets to trustees whilst abroad, there is no legal requirement to declare anything concerning the trust to the authorities on returning to

As long as the trust created is irrevocable, it cannot be said that the Indian expatriate retains any legal control over the trusts assets because title is vested in the chosen trustees. Thus, declaration to the authorities is

not necessary.

This method therefore can be employed to either fund overseas education, to pass wealth accumulated overseas down to the next generation or generations, of to avoid the compulsory repatriation rules which applies when the expatriate returns to Oushore India

permanently.
In conclusion, you should realise that the proper drawing up of a will is important, if you are to avoid the sort of family rage that is all too common after the death of the family head. The main complication start to arise in connection with real-estate which is by its nature immovable. Before obtain a grant of probate on an estate he must show that all due taxes have been paid and, in the absence of liquid assets to pay that tax, a house may have to be sold to obtain the cash. A little forethought and a modest investment will pay very handsome dividends, not for you directly, but to your estate and your heirs. The consequences of not doing this are a lot of time and money spent in straightening things out and a multi-plication factor of about a hundred

m lawyer's time, hence expenses. Next week I would like to move on to less morbid matters and cover the

happier topics of medium term needs and how one should set about identifying and catering for them — from the NEED to the GREED sector. Ceylon/Sri Lanka still retain the

NEW YORK, Dec 6. (AP): Mexico's commercial creditors world wide have committed about 90 per cent of a financing package for 1989-1992 covering about \$48 in the process for a number of the second medium and long-term debt, an official announcement said today.

The remaining commitments are expected by the end of this week, Mexican finance undersecretary Angel Gurria and bank representative William R. Rhodes said in a joint and long-term debt, and long-term debt,

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Unilateral action

America hits back at GATT critics

GENEVA, Dec 6, (Reuter): The United States hit back today at critics of unilateral action it has taken on trade issues, saying others did the same and should not pass judgement.

Some of my colleagues would have you believe that you can solve all our problems simply by indicting the United States. I reject that notion," US Trade Representative Rufus Yerxa told the annual assembly of the 96nation General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

Yerxa was replying to what he described as "veiled and some not so veiled references from my colleagues about US unilateralism" at the two-day session.

Japan, the European Economic Community, India and Brazil were among countries which indirectly attacked tough legislation in the 1988 US trade act, which allows the United States to retaliate directly against nations it considers unfair

Among accusations levelled at Washington were that it was bypassing GATT procedures for settling trade dispute between member states, and at the same time seeking unfair advantages in the Uruguay round of global trade negotiations being held under GATT auspices.

Yerax said the real problem was that existing GATT rules regulating some four-fifths of world commerce, inadequate.

They needed to be strengthened through the Uruguay round bargaining so that governments would not need to resort to unilateral or bilateral solutions, he said.

The complex four-year negotiations, named after the country where they were launched in 1986 and aimed at setting global trading patterns for the next century, are due to end in

December next year. They cover 15 sectors of international trade, icluding merchandise, agriculture, textiles and new areas such as services, investment and intellectual property rights.

"As long as the rules are inadequate, countries will resort to their own methods of defending what they perceive as basic is not limited to one country

Ad agency profits dip

LONDON, Dec 6, (Reuter): Saatchi and Saatchi Co Plc, the world's big-gest advertising agency, today repor-ted an 84 per cent fall in pre-tax profits in the financial year to September 30

It said pre-tax profits for the 12month period dropped to £21.8 million (\$34.3 million) from £138 million (\$217.4 million) the year before.

Revenue rose to £973.5 million (\$1.53 billion) from £862.2 million (\$1.36 billion).

Pre-tax profits before exceptional items were put at £61.3 million (\$96.5 million) versus 116.4 million (183.3 million). Exceptional debits were put at £39.5 million (\$62.2 million) compared with credits of 21.6 million (34.3 million) the previous year.

Charles and Maurice Saatchi, the brothers who started the agency in the 1970s, announced last October they were stepping down as joint

chief executives. Frenchman Robert Louis-Dreyfus, 43, will become sole chief executive from January 1 in a reorganisation that a spokesman said was aimed at strengthening the com-

pany's management.
The company came to prominence when it helped run the election cam-paign which brought Margaret That-

cher and her Conservative Party to power in 1979.

Abyan province west of Aden is to be built by a act quickly to attract funds because younger mer-Yemeni businessman working in the Gulf. chants born in Saudi Arabia have few of their parents' emotional ties to Yemen. Other businessmen are building bakeries, a chicken farm and small factories. Output will not be attract investment in oil, tourism and the Port of

tions, said Mohammed. The new policy is a major departure for the government, which in the early 1970s brought most

of the country's farms under the control of state cooperatives or took them over directly. Aden, the Arab world's only doctrinaire Marxist state, has also nationalised apartment blocks, banks

and most industry. But now the government is debating the final details of a new investment law that will allow

foreigners to own local ventures. The law, expected to be enacted within three months, will give projects of more than 50,000 dinars (\$145,000 at the official exchange rate) tax

Record-breaking streak

TSE prices surge to another high

TOKYO, Dec 6, (UPI): Active buying centering on low-priced issues lifted share prices to yet another high on the Tokyo Stock Exchange today, extending the record-breaking streak to three consecutive ses-

sions. Trading was active.

The Nikkei Average of 225 selected issues, which set a landmark yesterday, surged 160.12 yen to close at a record 37,654.29 yen.

Topix or the TSE index of all listed major shares also climbed 16.50 points to 2,867.32, also a new record.

An estimated 1.2 billion shares were traded, compared with 1.37 billion shares yeserday.

Brokers said brisk buying, triggered by the recent bullish note, overcame an early loss caused by the tightening of margin trading enforced

Investors anticipated a further advance toward the year-end and actively engaged in selective buying, which covered the broad front, the brokers said. Electricals like Sony and Pioneer Electronic were selected for buying.

Oils, nonferrous metals and natural resources-related issues also advanced, along with housings, chemicals, drugs and banks. They said that Japanese cor-

upgrade existing operations and get into new business fields as they struggle to make themselves porations are spending money to

Japan's economy grows at fastest pace in over 15 years

"Japanese companies are strategically repositioning the entire economy, "Courtis and. Since the middle of the year,

however, an increasing propor-tion of capital investment has been used to expand production capacity, and that has some economists worned.

They are afraid that Japanese companies will use that capacity to mount another export drive if demand for their products in Japan shows signs of flagging.

For the moment, however, there is scant sign of that happen-

"Domestic demand is pulling the economy ahead without causing inflation." Japanese Vice Finance Minister Makoto Itsumi told businessmen today. After sagging in April/June

Fast food

is serious

following the introduction of a three percent sales tax, consumer spending bounced back and accounted for 1.1 percentage points of last quarter's growth. Automobile sales in particular

Exports also played a role in the economy's improved performance, although the contribution of the external sector to growth was a modest 0.4 point because imports also rose.

have been strong.

EPA vice-minister Shinyasu Hoshino told a news conference that he was not worried about the economy overheating, saying last quarter's strong growth was to be expected after the poor performance of the previous three

Inflation, as measured by the GNP deflator, was 1.7 per cent,

little changed from the April/ June quarter.

Hoshino said the economy is likely to achieve the government's target of four per cent growth in the fiscal year ending next March but most economists think that he is being far too

In 1988/89, the economy grew 5.3 per cent.

"Growth may exceed five per cent," said Hidehiro Iwaki, an economist with Nomura Research Institute.

He and others expect the economic upswing to continue into 1990, even if the United States

slips into a recession.

"The Japanese economy is strong enough to absorb that external shock," Iwaki said. "Overall, the economy is well halanced."

Iran to push non-oil exports

Tehran tries to attract private investment

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Dec 6, (AP): Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani said his country will push non-oil exports, attract private investment and revive idle industries in a bid to resuscitate the economy, Tehran television

TOKYO, Dec 6, (Reuter):

Japan's economy grew at its fas-

test pace in more than 15 years

last quarter as Japanese compan-

ies spent furiously to make them-

The Economic Planning

se gross national product

Agency (EPA) said today that

(GNP) expanded 2.9 per cent in

the July/September quarter,

after contracting 0.8 per cent in

The rapid growth — it was the fastest since the first quarter of

1973 and was equivalent to 12.2

per cent on an annualised basis

by Japanese companies on plant

and equipment, the agency said.

"Japan is investing to look like Mike Tyson," said Kenneth

Courtis, senior economist at

broker DB Capital Markets

was paced by strong spending

the previous three months.

selves more competitive.

reported today. The broadcast, monitored in Nicosia, quoted Rafsanjani as saying a five-year economic plan launched last March was not ambitious, but realistic.

The plan is to be debated in the Iranian parliament, or majlis, in the near future, it said. The majlis is dominated by

radicals who oppose Rafsanjani's bold economic initiatives. The television said Rafsanjani made in a meeting Monday with his 22-member cabinet and a

number of majlis deputies. 'No plan will satisfy everyone, and I don't expect all of you to welcome this programme," Rafsanjani said after hearing the views of parliamentary representatives in favour of or against his

omic liberalisation.

More are promised.

state control.

ADEN, Dec 6, (Reuter): Impoverished South

Yemen, ruled by a Soviet-style party since indepen-

dence from Britain 22 years ago, has started down

President Gorbachev's perestroika road of econ-

A rigid planned economy has failed to lift it from

the ranks of the poorest of the world's poor but its

government has in the last few months taken

cautious yet dramatic steps to free its economy from

"Mistakes have been made," Deputy Minister of Planning Jaffer Hamed Mohammed told Reuters.

South Yemen, unlike its neighbours on the

Arabian peninsula, exports no oil and has an annual per capita income of around \$500.

On December I it signed a unity agreement with its free-wheeling neighbour North Yemen which envisages an eventual merger of the two states.

In a landmark decisions last week the government

approved the construction of the country's first

private sector hotel. The three-star establishment in

subject to government price controls in most situa-

"We are trying to correct those mistakes."

He said: "This is not a highfalooting programme, but a realistic one, and maybe even a little

(Asia) Ltd here.

brink of a recession.

Japan's strong performance

last quarter is good news for the

world economy because it comes

at a time when analysts are

becoming increasingly worried

that the United States is on the

for the United States," said Soi-

chi Enkyo, chief economist at

Bank of Tokyo. "But it can con-

tribute much to the world econ-

half of last quarter's surge in

GNP — 1.7 percentage points — was due to stepped-up invest-

ment by Japanese corporations.

and corporate spending surpr

ised most economists who had

predicted growth would bounce

back last quarter, but not by so

The strength of the economy

The EPA said that more than

"Japan cannot fully substitute

conservative. The five-year plan is based on the assumption that current oil prices of around \$18 a barrel will remain constant or go higher.

But Rafsanjani said potential non-oil resources could be boosted even if oil prices dropped. Iran is dependent on oil for more than 90 per cent of its earn-

Commerce Minister Abdulhussein Vahaji said yesterday that cutting red-tape to boost non-oil exports was a mandatory

Rafsanjani's efforts to revive the economy are stonewalled by a top-heavy bureaucracy largely comprised of unqualified personnel given jobs due to their Islamic ideology, corrupt officials or radicals who oppose any loosening of the economy.

The television recently began

airing comedies that reflect frustrations of investors.

Govt tries to attract investment in oil and tourism

shop shelves.

sapped their economies.

reforms are introduced.

hramaut province.

more is continuing.

One such programme showed an asylum full of ingenious inventors driven over the edge by the bureaucratic hurdles.

In line with Rafsanjani's policies of boosting non-oil exports, Mines Minister Mohammad Hussein Mahlovjchi said yesterday that a new plan had been approved to push lowcapital minerals.

The plan allows partial investment in rials, and abrogates a previous policy which required private investment only in foreign exchange, the television

It is expected that Iran will earn \$1.3 billion in foreign exchange from mines under the five-year plan, the television quoted Mahloujchi as saying. Rafsanjani said Monday that

attracting private investment was an essential part of his economic plan, the television repor-It quoted him as saying that

the recently revived stock exchange in Tehran would chan-S. Yemen marches down perestroika route

breaks and tariff exemptions for three to six years.

over parts of its retail trade to the private sector,

some time, but was thrown into crisis in the last year

by sharp reductions in aid from the Soviet Union

and East Germany and a more than 50 per cent drop

Diplomats compare Aden's plight with that of East Germany. The lure of jobs in neighbouring capitalist countries where the same language is

spoken has continually drained their best brains and

inflow of investments from their neighbours if

trace their roots back to South yemen's Had-

At the same time, there is the promise of a large

Many of Saudi Arabia's richest merchant families

However, Yemeni officials warn that they must

Mohammed said the government was trying to

The country recently began pumping its first commercial quantities of oil and exploration for

influx of North Yemenis attracted by the South's

Mohammed says visa requirements are to be eased soon for all foreigners to attract tourists to

Yemen's spectacular beaches and rich

Aden Port, lying in a strategic position along one

the world's busiest shipping routes, is being

archaeological sites along ancient incense routes.

relaxed attitude toward drinking alcohol.

upgraded and a free trade zone is planned.

A relaxation of travel restrictions has brought an

Many basic commodities have disappeared from

in remittances from Yemenis working in the Gulf.

especially in agricultural produce and fish.

Mohammed said the government plans to hand

Diplomats say the economy has been fragile for

nel "dead" capital toward production.

Rafsanjani added that about 5,000 billion rials (\$50 billion), or eight times the country's annual budget, were locked up in unfinished projects, the television

reported. It quoted Rafsanjani as saying that many bottlenecks and shortages could be relieved once these projects were completed.

Under the five-year plan, the government will not owe anything to the Central Bank, and there would be no budget deficit, the television quoted Rafsanjani

as saying.
Officials have blamed the soaring inflation on large domestic borrowing from the Central Bank and the falling value of the

The currency officially is worth 70 rials to the dollar. That rate is largely irrelevent since the government recently started selling greenbacks close to the black market rate of about 1,000 rials per dollar.

business for professor PULLMAN, Washington, Dec 6, (AP): Fast food is serious stuff to

Professor Don Smith of Washington State University. There are no easy A's in burger flipping 101 "We are a business school,"

says Smith, who holds what is believed to be the first university endowment paid for by a fast-food chain. In his classes, students study market research and motivational training, not milk-shake theory or the physics of French fries.

Fast food is big business, Smith said, with \$60 billion in annual sales. And that is of more than academic interest to his students.

"The number one thing that drives a student in our college is career," he said. "That may not be what academics like ... but our kids come here so they can get out of here and improve their state of living."

Graduates of Smith's programme leave with five or six career offers, he said, with salaries starting at \$20,000 a year and rising to more than \$30,000 after Of this year's 90 graduates

from the university's hotel and resedministration e. 18 entered the fastservice industry.

One such former student is Scott Fisher, a taco bell district manager in the Seattle area.

"damn good money" and drives a Corvette, thinks more colleges should offer career training for the fast-service industry.

"There's a lot of engineers coming out of colleges, but at two years out of college I was making more than an engineer," Fisher, who supervises 120 employees at five restaurants that do a combined \$4 million worth of

business annually.
"Where is a 24-year-old going to get that kind of chance?" Smith asked. "Fast Food."

Taco Bell Corp. gave Washington state a \$250,000 endowment this year — matched by a state grant - to increase the number of trained professionals in the indus-try and conduct academic

Smith, 60, was chosen last outh after the university advertised the post nationally and reviewed about 40 applicants. He has a master's degree in education from the University of Illinois and has been teaching at Washington State's Hotel and Restaurant School since 1986 after a background in the restaurant business.

Smith's students don't learn cooking skills at school; their courses focus more on managerial topics such as market research, which he believes is a key to succes in the restaurant business

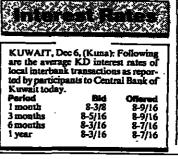
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More Australian corporate failures on the cards SYDNEY, Dec 6, (Reuter): AS big name

Australian entrepreneurs bite the dust in a series of headline-grabbing collapses, securities experts say more, if less spectacular, corporate failures are on the cards. The enterpreneurial sector is a fast-fading

game. Fallout among smaller and mediumsized companies is a matter for speculation. but it's very likely there will be a large amount of pain." said ANZ Bank economist Andrew

Recent financial news has been dominated by the debt troubles of media magnates Alan Bond and Christopher Skase.

Bond is still struggling to keep affoat his media, brewing, telecommunications and property empire despite its 8.2 billion dollar (\$6.2 billion) debt. Skase's Qintex Australia went into receivership last month.

"Personally, I think we've seen the biggest (failures)," said Brad Orgill, head of research at brokerage Potter Partners. "We'll see more, but they will be smaller.

Behind the concern about looming liquidations are the extremely high debt levels of many Australian firms, continued high interest rates and signs that the economy is entering a downturn.

"Leverage is higher now, interest cover is as low as in the 1982/83 recession, and as we go into a downturn with interest rates high and asset prices under pressure, there will be fallout," said Mohl.

Official figures for recent bankruptcies were unavailable, but increased corporate exposure to debt has been reflected in recent downgradings of Australian companies' credit ratings.

In the first half of 1989, credit rating agency Australian ratings downgraded 23 corporations and upgraded only 11.

The difficulty of converting debt to equity financing after the October 1987 world stock market crash means many Australian companies are now very highly geared. The average debt/equity ratio is now over

100 per cent, or about double the level one decade ago," said a September report by ANZ

Many companies took on their debt believing high domestic interest rates would have begun to decline by now. But despite signs the economy is slowing, the government has yet to loosen its tight-fisted monetary policy. "Companies bet on the fact that rates

would have come down by now and that there

would have been ample equity capital," said Nestor Hinzack, research director at brokerage Burdett Buckeridge and Young. The lure of a lucrative property market after 1987 also prompted many companies to borrow in order to diversify away from their core businesses. Now, the prospect of property slump is likely to spell trouble for many of these firms.

"The strong rise in asset prices took on its own momentum. People got into these areas and borrowed heavily." Mohl said. "Now they're exposed because their borrowing cost is more than anticipated and the outlook for property is much worse." Smaller companies are also likely to suffer

from bankers' increasing reluctance to extend loans, the analysts said. Second-line companies will remain under

pressure in 1990 because of the unwillingness of bankers to lend," Hinzack said. Analsyts said manufacturing, construction

and property companies were likely to be hardest hit, along with the tourist industry, which has suffered from Australia's long-running pilots' dispute. Still, many blue-chip Australian companies have avoided the pitfalls of borrowing big to buy assets which did not pay off as expected.

and they are likely to survive the coming

economic downturn with profits intact, analysts said. "Gearing has flipped up ... but cash flows are still strong and their ability to survive is really still excellent," Hinzack said.

Britons scramble for shares

LONDON, Dec 6, (Reuter): British investors, lured by the expectation of instant profits, scrambled today to snap up shares in the multi-billionpound water industry, the latest target in the Conservative government's

privatisation drive.

Queues stretched for 250 yards (metres) outside one bank in London's financial district as would-be shareholders rushed to hand in registration forms before the mid-morning deadline, and some disappointed applicants were turned away. "It is a reaffirmation of popular

capitalism, "said Environment Mini-ster Michael Howard, responsible for the £5.24 billion (\$8.25 billion) flotation. "I am told this was the longest queue ever for any privatisation, and

I am sure it is going to be a great Earlier stages of the sell-off of the 10 major water companies in England and Wales were overshadowed by widespread public opposi-tion, stockmarket falls and a longrunning dispute with the European Economic Community over the quality of Britain's drinking water.

But the government won over many doubters by fixing an attractive price and launching a massive advertising campaign promoting the benefits of "H₂O ownership."

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Comedy movies a mad-house

Comedians have to behave like buffoons to make people laugh

THE comedian is a permanently loony case in Indian films. He has to behave like a moron and buffoon to raise laughs. There is hardly any concept of intelligent comedy, of words or situations, except perhaps by a soloist like Deven Verma, following in the footsteps of the late I.S. Johar.

But when they show a mad-house it is the limit. Film people have never actually visited or studied a mental asylum. So they show it like a bungalow with big compounds and halls, where the loonies are put together to do anything they like. Each one does some silly act and together they create quite a "hungama", even dan-

cing and singing songs.
The pathetic creature called a mentally unbalanced person is rarely shown with sympathy and realism. Yet the big stars crave to do such their seniors who made a big impact in some fairly good films. Of course it was nothing like "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" or other foreign films. But at least they made their bered. Neurotic abnormal characters were well played in recent years, like Smita Patil in "Arth", Dimple and Jackie in "Ksash", Dimple in "Zakhmi Aurat", Raakhee in "Basera", Shabana in "Hum Paanch", Anil Kapoor in "Eeshwar", Naseeruddin

'Andher Nagri" and so on. Normally a much suffering good character, to be redeemed at the end is shown suddenly bursting into a loud wild laughter and the audience immediately understands and reacts saying: "Chalo bechara pagal ho gaya". Yet, there have been cases, where complete films are built around insanity as the theme and the stars take a grip on their roles as mentally sick people. The linest example of this is Sanjeev Kumar in "Khilauna". He did an excellent job as the family heir gone mad and kept caged on the terrace, till Mumtaz

cures him slowly with love.
The late Nargis Dutt also did such a role as her swan song in "Raat Aur Din". By day she was normal and respectable but by night she became a woman of straw. This Jekyll and Hyde splitting was also done by Sanjeev in "Chehre Pe Chehra". In "Khamoshi", Waheeda Rehman rose to great heights as the nurse who pretends to be in love with Rajesh Khanna for curing his madness. She recalls her own love and ultimately while Khanna is cured, she loses her own sanity. Meena Kumari por-trayed a neurotic alcoholic superbly in "Sahib Bibi Aur Ghulam". Rajesh Khanna did the act for "Ittefaq". Guru Dutt had done it in "Bahu

Today's number one glamour queen Sri Devi did one of her best performing roles in "Sadma", where the gets mentally retarded and behaves like a very small girl. Her co-actor Kamalhassan had already done the role of an epileptic moron in a Tamil film ("Sweet Sixteen") re-made in Hindi as "Solva Sawan with Amol Palekar and Sri Devi. Amnesia is often resorted to by screen writers and loss of memory is palmed off as insanity for a man-gular romance. In "Basera", the cured Rankhee pretends madness for the happiness of others.

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Many stars who are serious about their work take the trouble of going to the asyluros, studying the cases

By Firoze Rangoonwalls and observing their behaviour. Then from tax exemption. Arma Raje did they even tell their directors that than the same for "Rihayee". gerous or violent mad ones are kept isolated and all are not grouped together. But other stars just follow their directors or put on some wild acts and weird faces to look mad. We can't expect mass medium prac-titioners to go into great details of mental diseases. But when psychiatrists or those in charge of asylums are shown such films, they express dissatisfaction and even say that the

general public is being misguided. Such films also tend to flop as people don't enjoy them, like the well-made "Shaitan" with Shatrughan Sinha doing a split personality. Other films take the popular path, like showing the full moon's effect on the maddies or the spirits, people going mad by a shock or accident, women asked to offer false love for curing heart broken people, reviving lost memory by songs and so on. Recently Nana Patekar did a very artificial role of a cop gone mad in "Pratighat". All his acts were popularly oriented, like being foamy-mouthed or wide-eyed. Recently stars have been again

pestering writers and directors to offer them mad characters which offer scope for histrionics. So all one is: who is the next loony,

Star slips Randhir Kapoor: Nowadays Rekha looks as if she has stepped out of the "Vogue" magazine pages. She is projecting herself as something hich she is actually not.

Rekha: I think the whole credit for my success should only go to myself. I shaped and sculpted my own self. I am very intelligent; I did not over — expose myself with too many films. Dev Anand: Ektaa, the girl I gave a break in "Awwal Number" is a liar and a cheat. Even though I forgave her for not telling me about her earlier film, she began to play dif-ficult while shooting with me. Somm: I cannot play the games which these other girls do. If I don't like a person, I ask the fellow to get

right out of my sight.
Kiran Juneja: Dharm has an excellent physique. Shashi can be very charming. Mithun is ethnic and earthy. But Amitabh is clusive and mysterious. You want to know more of what he is all about.

Behind the screen When they come to Bombay even the sober Bengalis tend to get frivolous and scandalous. Bengal's hero Prascojit wanting a break in Hindi films, resorting to getting publicity in mags, by blaming his publicity in mags, by blaming his father Biswant, the veteran actor. He dug out skeletons from his family cupboard, of how the father tried to break the home and made him suffer. Praseniit should know that nobody becomes a hero on sympathy.

Vinod Vidhu Chopra deliberately delayed his "Parinda" from getting a censor certificate before the date for entering it in Indian Panorama entering it in Indian ranorama. Though this can bring tax exemption, it also tags the art and festival film label to a film. After that it cannot feach high prices from distributors, who call it a "class" film, which will are only in cities. Without which will run only in cities. Without the label it would go as a starry commercial film and get sold off at high advantage. So even the so-called art film producers prefer that. Anyway, they are not going to benefit directly

Vinod Khanna is getting older, with receding hair-line, bags under the eyes and all that. The Rajnishdham orgies, late nights, drinks, drugs etc. are taking their final toll. And it is topped by a series of flops. Yet, he is acting high and mighty, cancelling schedules, reporting late and harassing the producers who repent for signing him.

The big joke of the film-world is Farha, going ahead to compete with R.K.'s 'Henna'. She will make her munities. Industry people say that when Farha can't even direct her own life properly, how will she direct a film. Perhaps, it is a retaliation for not being offered the 'Henna' role.

Chunky came to films and got success only on the recommendations of Rekha. But now that he stands on his own, he tries to ignore her. She is too old to be his heroine and cannot help in any other way. So "Re" is out, despite the parental friendship with the Pandeys.

Shekhar Suman proudly claims to



Bijlani (above right) hates wearing revealing dresses and kissing strangers. (Inset) Late Sanjeev Kumar in one of the scenes from 'Khilauna.'

What he eleverly hides is that most films are of a low grade. And in those with big heroines, he plays mini roles of a brother, a helpful friend and so on, while the big heroes are doing the romantic leads.

Star interview Mini meet

Sangeeta Bijlani
Q. Are you satisfied with the way
your career is going?
A. There were lean patches initially.

People did not take me seriously. My role in "Hathyar" did not turn out as promised, though I had replaced Dimple in it. The producer tried to malign me, say-ing I had thrown tantrums, though it was hardly true.

Q. Which films brought about the

change?
A. First it was "Qatl". It ran fairly well. There were big crowds in Bombay in the initial weeks. I was the solo heroine. Then came "Tridev" where I shared the stellar roles but mine was kept equally prominent. The success of these films gave me a big spur. Q. How many are you handling at

present?
About twenty-five, though not all of them shoot regularly. That way I am under the ceiling put by the industry. I also have some possible hits like "Yugandhar",
"Numbri Aadmi", "Jurm",
"Khoon Ka Karz" and others. In
Mahesh Bhatt's "Jurm" there is

scope for histrionic acting.

Q. You are basically a model. What difference do you find between modelling and acting?

A. Nothing. In modelling, we sell a product with some amount of performing. In acting we push a character for the audience to

Q. Don't you feel models go to make stilled actresses? The actress must make a full

effort to learn dialogue delivery

and face expression. ally agree to baring a lot for the camera. How much will you permit in films? Certainly not beyond decent limits. Models also never exceed

that. I hate direct physical revealing or wearing vulgar dresses. sing with strangers is also unhealthy. I will only go as per the role, which I select. Q. And what about rumours of

romances? What about Sahuan Khan?

A. They are inevitable for people in limelight. Even if you are just staying by chance, in the same town or the same hotel as some industry man, there will be a scandal I do have boy friends and good friends. But at present my career comes first. That goes for Salman, too.

Q. You have been accused of manipulating?

A. Manipulating what? We wait for

roles and accept the right ones when they come. I know there are girls who would go to any extent. But they are those who badly need work or recognition.

Q. Have you really agreed to work as solo heroise with Shakti Kapoor

Nothing definite. But Shakti is not a bad artiste. He has his own big following. Why can't be also turn from villain to hero like oth-

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Judgement in stone

Trouble with cinema appeal

By Shaun Seekins

JUDGING by sales of Ruth Rendell novels and the ratings that attend the television adaptations of her work, the writer enjoys huge popularity. But on the evidence of this second big screen excursion into Rendell territory - following 1987s A Judgement In Stone - it seems as if filmmakers are still having trouble translating her appeal to the cin-

Benet Archdale (Helen Shaver), a best-selling American author, lives in London with her after the arrival of Benet's unstable mother (Lauren Bacall) on a visit from her home in Florida, James is taken ill with a respiratory illness and dies in hosp-ital. Benet is naturally distraught over her son's death and in an attempt at consolation, her mother kidnaps a young child who bears a resemblance to James and brings him home. Horrifled and quickly preparing to return the child, Benet notices that he has been the victim of violent abuse.

Jason's mother, Carol (Kate

Hardie) is also a single parent and is much more interested in pursuing a musical career than in her son's welfare, even after he is kid-napped. As Benet becomes inexorably involved in the drama. suspicion falls on Carol's boyfriend who reacts in an orgy of violence.

Rendell's work is characterised by a real streak of nastiness which curiously does little to help a story already overburdened with unsympathetic characters. Lauren Bacall is the only performer to really rise to the occasion, although Shaver does her best

with her part.

Despite a distinctly unpromising title Up Your Alley, this turns out to be a witty and pacy outing for Linda Blair, who has difficulty breaking away from the sex-ploitation kind of movie. Here however, she has the chance to show that she can be a really effective comedienne, playing the role of a trainee reporter anxious to make a name for herself.

She hits on the idea of writing about "street people," especially as there's a killer stalking the streets and bumping them off, one by one. She meets up with a whole load of eccentric folk down on the streets, eventually falling for one of them, who of course is upset

when her real identity is revealed. Two new British mini-series are available this week, Rules Of Engagement recounts a story set in the near future, the world stands on the brink...the unthinkable is fast becoming a reality. Exmarine Dave Gillespsie's search for the truth uncovers a web of greed, deception and a ruthless pursuit of power. As the international crisis deepen, city controller Martin Goodman's public and private life begins to crumble. Confessional is based on a Jack Higgin's story and starts with the training of an assassin in a peaceful Irish village, but all is not

what it seems. Liam Devlin (Keith Carradine) is a retired IRA hit-man who became disgusted when a bombing goes horribly wrong and goes to the USA to begin a new life, he meets Thomas Kelly (Robert Lindsay) there and the two men become friends. Their distinies take them both to Ireland where Kelly turns out to be only

masquerading as a priest. Three new Paramount releases this week, High Plains Drifter with Clint Eastwood, Beverly Hills Cop II starring Eddie Murphy and Loving You from Elvis Presley. Horror with Phantom Of The Mall, something horrible is lurking in the air-conditioning system of the new shopping mail. Video Collection III is now on sale, together with a new Afro-American collection.

Above films by courtesy of the Video Club, Tel: 5724372, Video Nauf Salhiya and VFI Farwaniya/



Walled City to disappear

Hong Kong plans park

HONG KONG, (Reuter): Huddled in unbelievable squalor just feet beneath the roaring approach path to Hong Kong's International Airport, inhabitants of Kowloon's notorious Walled City cannot believe their luck.

The Walled City, a slum so densely packed that multi-storey buildings lean precariously against one another, is soon to

Within two years the government will have rehoused and paid of all the estimated 30,000 inhabitants, razed the tenements and the walled city — where police warn tourists and Hong Kong's overseas residents never to venture alone — will pass into history. Officials say its dark, stinking alleyways will make way for a

green, tree-lined urban park. Property analysts question the decision to turn the walled city into a park when building land in Hong Kong is at a premium. But one said it was the only way China and Britain could resolve a protracted historical dispute over the area dating back

nearly a century. When Britain expanded its control of the Kowloon peninsula under the 1898 Convention of Peking, it agreed that Peking should retain control over the walled city, keeping there a Chinese garrison, as long as it presented no threat to Hong Kong.

London said that condition was breached within a year when the garrison became involved in an anti-British uprising and the Chinese troops were evicted.

Peking never recognised this unilateral act and protested from time to time over British attempts to govern the walled City. The site became an embarrassment with neither side showing much interest in it. Left alone, it became a virtual no-go area for police where opium and sambling dens and seedy brothels flourished.

As late as 1963, Peking formally protested on behalf of residents when Hong Kong first proposed clearing the walled city, by then walled only in name. The crumbling ramparts went during World War Two when Japanese occupation troops pulled them down and used the rubble to expand the nearby airport

Only the signing of the 1984 joint declaration, under which Britain agreed to hand back Hong Kong to Chinese rule, cleared

Three years later the government announced its decision to turn the walled city into a park, paying compensation to the residents and rehousing them in modern apartments if they

I never knew what they were deciding for the walled city, in fact I never expected it would be demolished so soon, we were rather shocked in 1987 when the government announced it was going to clear the city." said Chan Hip-Ping, vice-chairman of the walled city Residents' Association, known in Cantonese as the Kaifong. The Kaifong office leads off a dark-lit stairwell which, unlike the rest of the area, at least benefits from adequate refuse

Elsewhere the alleys are just wide enough to walk in single file and rats run at shoulder-height along thin ledges. Gutters double as open sewers and water drips incessantly from live electric cables which hang so low that residents have to bend almost double to make their way through.

"Most of the residents are happy to move out — their living conditions will definitely improve compared to living here."
Chan said. "Conditions are quite bad here — a family of four will share a flat measuring only 9.29 square metres (100 square feet)." Until families began to move out last year the walled city was also home to three drug addiction treatment centres.

Child stars with a twist

Loud, antagonistic punksters

MADISON, Wisconsin, (AP): Jamie Toulon, 9, and his two 10-year-old cohorts become child star with a twist — instead of being adorable tykes, they're loud, antagonistic and prone to tossing food at

They're the players in Old Skull, a punk-rock band that is starting to attract attention at home and abroad.

Their first album "Get Outta School" has sold 30,000 copies. They're in a video on MTV, a national rock 'n' roll cable channel. And they're notorious for the finale to their shows, in which they throw hot dogs at the audience.

The band began three years, when they were barely big enough to hold their instruments. Jamie's brother. JP, could only form three chords on his guitar because his hands were so small.

"People will buy your first album because you're young and new and they think, 'oh, how cute," said lesse. "But now they want to hear real music and that's what we are trying to do. Our last record - we just played anything."

On the first album, the bands sings, and screams, about such issues as the homeless and aids. In "Homeless," JP howls into the microphone amid screeching guitars and bashing drums. They've managed to convincingly adopt the inflammatory attitudes common among 'punk rockers" twice their age.
"I hate you Ronald Reagan" he shouts at the end,

with a look in his eye that tells you he means it. "Reagan's out, dude," noted Robin Davies,

father of drummer Jesse Collins - Davies. "I know," JP responded. "I still hate him." The band, rounded out by Jamie on bass, per-

forms fun, silly songs, too. "Hot dog Hell" gives the audience more than just music for slam-dancing — the punker dance that

resembles a rugby scrum. "It's usually our last song," said Jamie. "We throw hot dogs into the crowd. It's funny. Then they throw them back at us and we fight back — we throw

them back again." The band has gained more popularity in the style-conscious metropolises of the East and West Coasts than at home in Madison, the capital of this north-

ern, largely agricultural state. Davies said. Davies, and the Toulons' father-manager Vern, insist their children are treated just like other

students at school and have not been changed by

"I know it's crazy, but things are absolutely the same." Toulon said. "If anything, they're sick of it (media attention). There's been no grown heads."

Happy birthday



Ayman Ahmed ElKhatib celebrated his 7th birthday in Cairo on Oct 30. Belated greetings from parents, family, friends.

Ayman goes to the Maadi Kawmia School, Cairo and likes music.



Richard D'Souza celebrates his 11th birthday on Dec 8. Happy birthday from parents, family, friends.

Richard goes to the New Indian School and likes drawing and music.



Alan D'Lima celebrates his 13th birthday on Dec 10. Happy birthday from family parents, friends.

Alan goes to the New English School and likes football, swimming



Fiona Sirur celebrates her 6th birthday today, Dec 7. Happy birthday from parents, family, friends.

Fiona goes to the Carme School of Pakistan and likes dancing, colouring and singing.



Savia Fernandez celebrates her 4th birthday on Dec 9. Happy birthday from parents, family. Savia goes to the Indian School-Fahaheel and



Melissa Mantel celebrates her 5th birthday on Dec 12. Happy birthday from parents family, friends. Melissa goes to the Kuwait Indian School and likes colouring and watch-

ing cartoons.



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Umair Khalid celebrates his 10th birthday today, Dec 7. Happy birthday parents, family, from friends.

Umair goes to the International School of Pakistan and likes Karate.



Usman Arshad Khan celebrates his birthday on Dec 9. Happy birthday from parents, family. Usman goes to the International School of Pakistan and likes stamp collec-

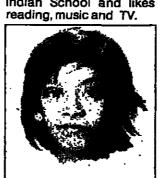


Cyril Philips celebrates his 3rd birthday on December 9. Happy birthday from parents, Sunil and friends.



Monica Gaidhane celebrates her 7th birthday today, Dec 7. Happy birthday from parents, family, friends.

Monica goes to the Indian School and likes reading, music and TV.



Sharon Mendonca celebrates her 9th birthday on December 10. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Sharon goes to the Indian School and likes reading and music.



Gurneet Singh celebrates his 9th birthday on December 12. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Gurneet goes to the Carmel School and likes reading and collecting stamps.

Terry the toad

TERRY the big toad, sprang onto a large white lily pad and croaked a very loud "Good morning Mrs Newt, how are you today"?
"Oh, fine thank you, bit

chilly in the water today, don't you think?" replied Mrs Newt, shivering.
"Yes, it is chilly, this morning" croaked Terry

the toad. Terry the toad, sprang into the reeds, to wait for a few flies to catch, for his breakfast.

Just then, he heard a strange noise, it went, cough, croak, cough, croak, the noise was com-

ing from the other side of the tall reeds. Curious as Terry the toad was, he hopped across the pond, to the other side of the reeds. He peered through the reeds, and he saw, the chief bull frog, lying on a leaf, look-ing awful, he was coughing, croaking, and sneez-

Terry toad asked if he needed help. The chief bull frog, told Terry the toad that, he had caught a cold, last night, but was too weak to move. He asked if Terry toad, could help him back to his home in the grass bank. Terry toad gently lifted the bull frog,

Zahid M.Ali

ing, all at once.

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onto his own back, and hopped very gently to the grass bank.

All the other residents of the pond saw Terry toad helping, and they ran on ahead to let Mrs Bull frog know he was ok, and that he would be home in a cou-

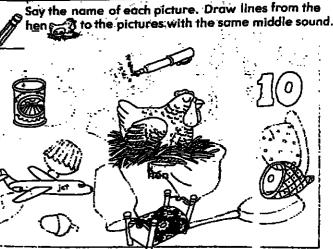
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Mrs Bull frog was very pleased with Terry toad, and invited him to stay for breakfast. She had made, bug pancakes, with green fly sauce. "Thank you very much" said Terry toad. He would not have to find his own breakfast after all.

Julie Hodgson

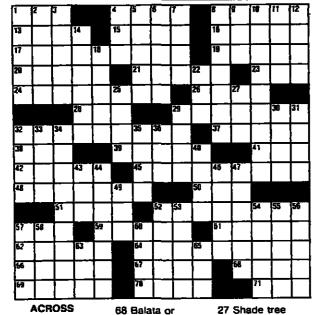


Words with e Hen and pen have the same middle sound.



Write the letter e to finish each word. Their say the wall d

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North Fast South West Pass Pass Pass 3 NT Pass Pass Opening lead: Six of 4 In the inaugural bridge match be-

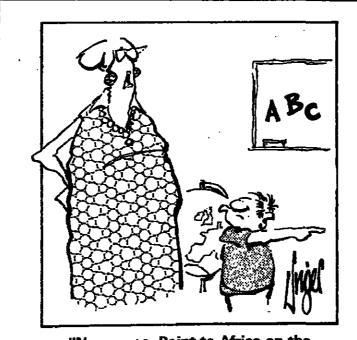
tween the two legislative chambers, the House handily defeated the Senate. Early next year, the winners will play the British Parliament in the first Transatlantic Governmental Challenge. Almost all the players on both teams were Republicans. We are not sure whether an infusion of new Democrat blood in the Senate would reverse the outcome of next year's match.

Both teams declared three no trump on this hand. Both declarers adopted a reasonable line of play, but neither found the almost suretrick line. Can you do better after the lead of a spade?

One declarer captured East's king of spades with the ace and led a diamond to the jack. That would have secured the contract had West held the king. Unfortunately, the monarch was with East, and a spade return allowed the defenders to collect four spade tricks for a one-trick

The other declarer help up on the first round of spades, then won the second. A diamond to the jack lost, and since East was out of spades declarer was able to take the rest of the tricks, save one. But the contract would have failed had West held the king of diamonds.

The winning line is to hold up the ace of spades one round, win the second spade and then cash at least three rounds of clubs and the ace and king of hearts. Declarer then exits with the jack of spades. West can cash three spade tricks, but then must surrender the game-going trick-either by leading a heart to dummy's queen or a diamond into declarer's major tenace.



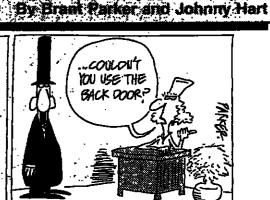
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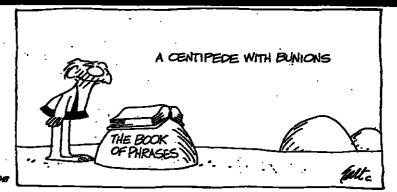
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YOUR STARS



You will be able to strike a fair but also tough bargain. You should not however expect to get your way in all things. You should not consider tidying up a waste of time. Be



Something you had hoped to do will not now be possible. Never mind, something else will be. Your lucky numbers are 15 and 41. Leave your partner in no doubt about your love. Be reliable.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20) You will have lots of problems

about getting started, but once you are under way all will be well, Make sure you are not late for an appointment. Allow for traffic delays. Give others the benefit of any doubt. Be



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will tend to tire rather easily and should try to do what is most essential first of all. And seek to avoid all kinds of distractions. Also, make sure you do not expose yourself to infection. Be tolerant.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You will be rather more prone to infection and should take all sensibic precautions. Also make sure your diet contains enough vitamins. Avoid coming to a decision on the spur of the moment.



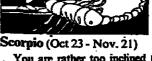
Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

Nothing will proceed quite as outsky as you would have liked, but you will be able to make fairly good progress. Try to avoid falling behind with your personal affairs. Check your facts and figures, Be



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22) An idea you have had will turn out to provide the answer to a problem you have been having. Do listen more closely to what others are saying. You should try to use just a little more willpower. Be per-





You are rather too inclined to rely on guesswork and you should try to counteract the tendency. In trying to economise you should not cut corners on quality. And do not

buy anything that is cheaper but

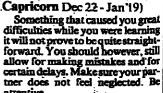


Sagittarias (Nov 22 - Dec 21

You will have a lot to do but if you get on with it without allowing yourself to be distracted you will get most if not all of it done. You should be a little more receptive to new ideas than you are at present.



By Johnny Hart



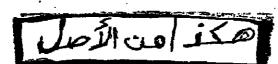


Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18) You will be able to do something you greatly enjoy doing but you must not neglect doing something that you like doing less but has to be



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19) You are all too liable to leave

switched on something that should be turned off after use. Do not forget a birthday or anniversary. Do not be so fond of the sound of your own voice. Allow others to have their say. Be trustworthy.



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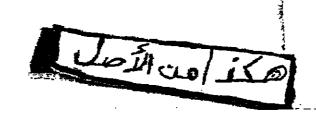
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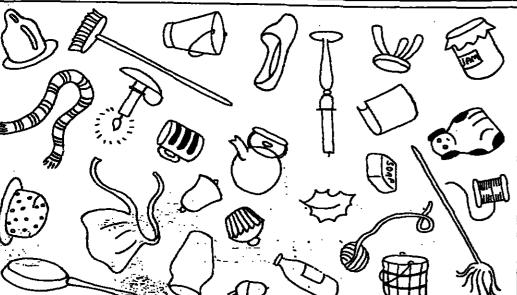


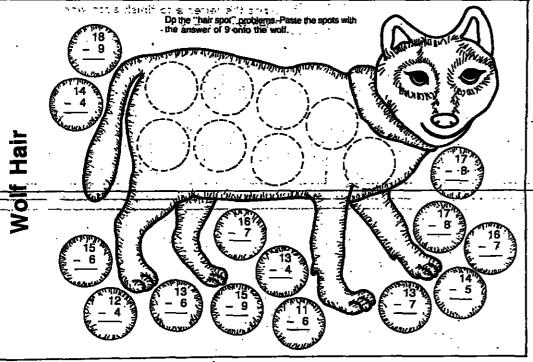
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Which three objects in the top picture are not in the bottom picture?





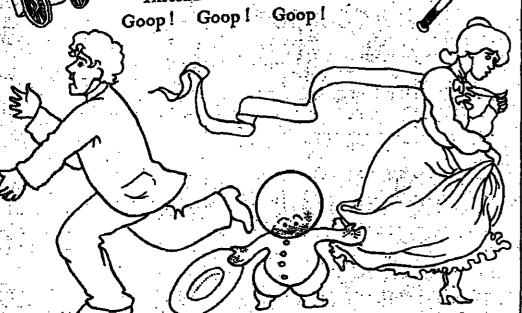


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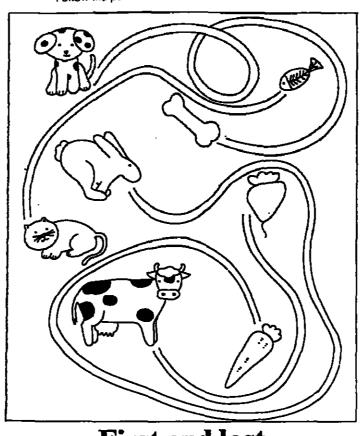
GOOP! GOOP! GOOP!

Goor! Goop! Goop! I wish you'd wash your face! Goop! Goop! Goop! Your hands are a disgrace! Goop! Goop! Goop! Put things back in their place! wish you were polite, Instead of a



What do they eat?

Follow the paths to find out what each animal eats.



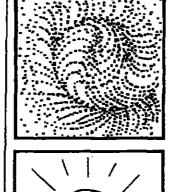
First and last

The Emperor Hirohito was a member of the family that first ruled Japan over 2000 years ago. The line of descent has not been broken since the first emperor Jimmu Tenno.

Stainless steel was first used in 1912. It was invented by Harry Brearsley.

30 Weather

What's the weather like today? Match the words and pictures.

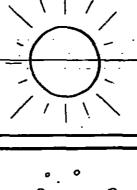


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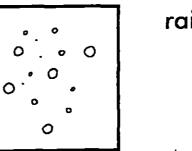
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Can you find them all?



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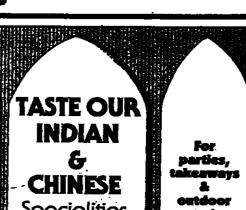
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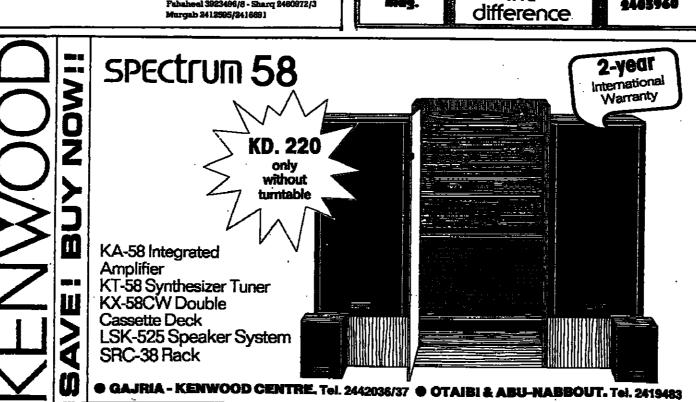
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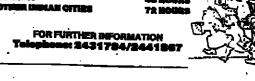
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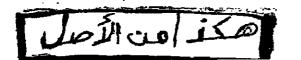




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Australia honours Norman

MELBOURNE, Dec 6. (Reuter): Greg Norman, a golfer as famous for the major events he has failed to win as for his victory in the 1986 British Open, has been named Australia's greatest sportsman of the 1980s.

Norman received his award, decided by members of Australia's Sporting Hall of Fame, last night after his induction to the hall earlier in

Norman, currently rated the world's number one golfer, was chosen ahead of sportsmen such as former world motorcycling champion Wayne Gardner, marathon runner Rob de Castella, Australian cricket captain Allan Border and boxer Jeff Fen-

ech.
"I'm just very lucky to have been successful in my chosen profession," Norman, nick-named the Great White Shark, said in his acceptance speech.

Norman led all four majors going into the final round in 1986 but only won the British Open. He was beaten in this year's British Open by American Mark Calcavecchia after a play-off.

Border was named male athlete of 1989 with Walker Kerry Saxby taking the female award. The Australian cricketers, who beat England 4-0 in the Ashes series, were the team of 1989.

Canadian TV set to buy Games rights

TORONTO, Dec 6, (Reuter): A Cariadian television network is close to signing a deal to cover the 1991 Pan American Games in Hayana, allowing the Cubans to sidestep a US embargo, sources close to the organisers said vesterday.

CTV, Canada's biggest commercial television network, plans to recoup some of the cost by selling coverage to the ABC network in the United States, said the sources who asked not to be identified.

The development came a day after ABC-filed a suit against the US Treasury Department for denying the network a historice to televise the

ABC had proposed paying a fee of about \$6.5 million to Cuba for rights to cover the Games, but the Treasury Department blocked the plan on the grounds that it would violate a 27-year US embargo on trade with

Canadian companies are allowed to trade freely with Cuba.

CTV sports director Gary Maarvara declined to confirm the reports, but said: "We are talking to

the Games organisers. "We are exploring buying the Pan American Games as we would

Leonard changes boxing style

Duran ready for fight

LAS VEGAS, Dec 6, (Reuter): Sugar Ray Leonard has been retooled and Roberto Duran refuelled for their fight tomorrow, according to their handlers.

Duran apparently wants to reserve as much fuel as possible. Yesterday he cancelled his second workout in three days and has worked only twice in the

last five days.

But Duran, 38, said he weighed 158 pounds (71.6 kg) yesterday morning and his camp says he is ready for the scheduled 12-round fight which has been dubbed "Uno mas" — a play on Duran's famous "No mas" (no more) which the Panamanian uttered when he quit in the eighth round against Leonard in 1980.

Leonard, 33, who is putting up his World Boxing Council super middleweight title tomorrow in the outdoor ring at the Mirage Hotel, has had his boxing style completely overhauled since the five-time world champion fought Thomas Hearns to a draw here last June.

Leonard, who said on Monday he weighed about 160 pounds (72.5 kg) has said he was not "into" the Hearns fight, which many ringsiders believe he

"Ray Leonard is more focused now," Pepe Correa, his trainer said at a news conference yester-

day.

"Jose Pepe Correa took control for this fight...believe me, I changed the whole approach to boxing...I broke it down ..believe me I was tough with our

Correa refused to describe how he retooled Leonard, who was knocked down by Hearns

last June and who has said he generally was disappointed with his performance, despite the

Leonard, 35-1-1, repeated his growing weariness with the work needed to prepare for and promote a fight and again said this may be his last fight.

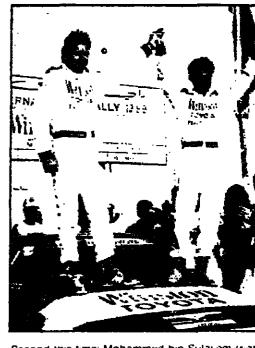
That theme was picked up by Mike Acri, Duran's promoter, who tried to turn it against Leonard, who will earn a guaranteed \$12.6 million for the fight, plus a percentage of the paid-per-view and theatre tickets.

Acri's shots at Leonard proba-bly were primed by Correa's claim that there is "no man on the face of the earth who can outbox Ray Leonard when he's ready, and this man is ready."

Acri said that Leonard's talk of retirement shows that "the fire is not there...the bottom line to



Bjorn Waldegard (right) and co-driver Fred Gallagher celebrate at the linish in Dubai.



Second this time: Mohammed bin Sulavem (right)

ME rallying gets a boost

DUBAI: After a season of setbacks in the Middle East, the Emirates International Rally has helped

to restore the credibility of the sport in the region. That point has been emphasised by Costas Glossotis, the highly-experienced Greek rally official who was clerk of the course for the Winston-sponsored event in the UAE at the weekend.

"It has been a disappointing year in Middle East rallying, but the success of the Emirates International shows what the organising clubs in this part of the world are capable of," said Glossotis. Fisa abandoned the 1989 Middle East Cham-

pionship following the cancellation of three rounds in Jordan, Oman, and Lebanon. But motor sport's world governing body has

since confirmed that next year's championship will go ahead, with rounds in Qatar (February 15-16), Jordan (May 16-18), Lebanon (October 12-14), Oman (October 24-26), Kuwait (November 22-23)

Qatar Motor Sports Club's David Evans was in the UAE last weekend and described the Emirates International as "a very successful rally which has done well to restore the international credibility of Middle East rallying." He will now follow the example set by the Al Nasr Motor Sports Club and run the Qatar Rally entirely in daylight.

in his home event, the Emirates International Rally also emphasised that a new crop of Arab drivers are emerging. None are more talented than 19-year-old Qatari Nasser Al Attiya, who has shown great potential in his first four events and was lying sixth in the UAE

With Bjorn Waldegard driving brilliantly to end

Mohammo bin Sulayem's four-year unbeaten run

when engine failure ended his challenge on the penultimate stage. Following the misfortunes of Saced Al Hajri and Abbas Al Mosawi, Fahad bin Mubarak gave further evidence of the strength of rallying in Qatar by claiming fifth place in a Winston Toyota Celica

Turbo on his first international appearance. Among the challengers from other Gulf countries, Saudi Arabia's Mohammed Al Malki finished 11th in his Mitsubishi Pajero. Now established as a regular competitor around the region, he is among those already looking forward eagerly to

Aussies launch rally to rival Paris-Dakar event

200 entries expected

SYDNEY, Dec 6, (Reuter): The Australian Safari Motor Rally, 6.500 kms (4,000 miles) of outback driving from Sydney to Darwin, will rival the famous Paris-Dakar event within a few years, organisers said today.

The safari recently received endoresement by motor sport's ruling body Fisa which triggered a wave of interest by overseas teams and drivers. Tom Snooks, Australia Safari's executive

director said, launching the rally. "Africa has become a bit 'old hat'. People are looking for new horizons," Snooks said by telephone. " By running under international regulations we are now

in line with the rest of the world. "This is one of the first steps we

have taken to develop the safari

as the number one rally in the world by 1992 — which means surpassing the great Paris-Dakar

More than 20 cars orews are expected from Japan this year together with 50 motorcycle riders. The Soviet Union's Avtoexport have expressed interest, as have Kawasaki France's motorcycle team.

About 200 entries are expected for the 1990 rally which starts on August 18 in Sydney and finishhes nine days later in Darwin, capital of the northern territory.

The race, run almost entirely on unsealed roads on private property, will go through South Australia and then north past Ayers Rock, in Australia's Red

Centre, to Darwin.

Berlin could host meeting

LONDON, Dec 6, (AP): A unified Berlin could host the 1995 World Track and Field Championships but must beat out competition from both inside Germany and around the world. the head of the International Track Federation said yesterday.

Primo Nebiolo, president of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, also confirmed that next year's Berlin marathon would be a run on a course linking the Eastern and Western parts of the recently reunited

In a statement issued by the IAAF's headquarters. Nebiolo said he had been asked repeatedly about a Berlin candidacy for the 1995 championships since recent political developments in East Germany led to an opening of borders with

ILAF opening first in Europe

Leonard (left) and Duran pose for photographers during Tuesday's press conference. (Reuter wirephoto)

American Football (ILAF), under the leadership of Texas oilman Carroll P. Huntress, will open a 12game schedule this spring in eight European cities, beating the NFL across the Atlantic, officials have

Huntress, a former Bucknell University head coach who worked as an assistant at Maryland and Kentucky and with the New York Jets, has been associated with Dallas-based Hunt International Petroleum Co. for the past 10 years. He will serve as

League commissioner. "I've been working nearly full time on this League since January," Huntress told reporters at a news conference in Dallas yesterday. "We purposely have to retract anything. I've investigated all aspects, worked with European Leagues and have a good handle on what American football in Europe

The NFL-backed World-wide League of American Football, being formed under the guidance of former Cowboys president Tex Schramm, will not open until the spring of 1991. The National Football League is the major professional organization for US-style football in the United States and features the sport's best-known teams, such as the New York Giants, the Chicago Bears and San Francisco 49ers.

Roseate Tern sold for \$1.9 m -

this fight is fire, is desire.

you people out there who are

backing Ray Leonard — you're

will earn \$7.6 million for this

fight though his career was

nearly over three years ago "has

wants to kick Ray Leonard's

spending too much time party-ing, but one particular night on

the town three years ago may have been the best thing that ever

That was the night in 1986 at a

New York salsa club when he

met Carlos Hibbard, a former unlicensed New York City cab

driver whom Duran says is res-

ponsible for resuscitating his

The next best thing that may have befallen Duran was the

Reagan administration's

That allowed Hibbard to sur-

face without fear of being ship-

ped back to his native Panama

after entering the United States

illegally.
Duran credits Hibbard, 41,

with taking the disgraced former three-time world champion from

the ignominy of fighting at the bottom of undercards to his \$7.6

million payday.

The title and, to a certain

extent, the money is insignificant

next to Duran's chance to

spiritual leader, trainer and nutritionist and, according to

Duran, is "100 per cent responsi-

ble," for turning his career

Hibbard is a combination of

redeem himself -

amnesty for illegal aliens.

"He has the motivation. He

Duran has been criticised for

going to blow some dollars." Acri said the 85-7 Duran, who

what I call the fire."

happened to him.

boxing career.

NEWMARKET, England, Dec 6. (Reuter): Yorkshire Oaks horse race winner Roseate Tern, third in the English Oaks and St Leger, was sold yesterday for 1.1 million guineas (\$1.9 million).

The filly, owned by Lord Carnarvon, was bought at the December Sales by American publisher Peter Brant, who also owned the talented mare Trip-

Roseate Tern is the second highest priced filly sold at public auction in Europe.

explore any other property. Mansell drives Ferrari to fastest time in tests

ESTORIL, Portugal, Dec 6, (Reuter): Britain's Nigel Mansell drove his Ferrari to the fastest time in tyre testing on a rain swept Estoril track yesterday.

But his best tap of one minute 18.90 seconds was half a second slower than his best in wet conditions on Monday, when Brazilian Mauricio Gugelmin crashed

"I only got to run a couple of sets of tyres in the few dry laps of the day, but even then we had to contend with a wet patch in the quickest corner on the track which was costing around a second a lap," Mansell said. Mansell's best time was three seconds off the pace set at this year's Portuguese

Grand Prix on the same track two months ago.
His new team-mate, world champion Alain Prost, concentrating on engine testing for Ferrari, was noticeably more relaxed with his new team.

"The atmosphere is a lot better than I've been used to the past few months. I'm enjoying my driving again even if the weather could be a lot better," the former McLaren driver said.

McLaren driver said.
French newcomer Eric Bernard set an impressive second fastest time of 1:19.17 in the Lola Lamborghini.
Austria's Gerhard Berger was third fastest with 1:19.23 in the McLaren Honda which he spun while on a quicker lap.
Ex-world champion Nelson Piquet has been concentrating on the Benetton Ford fitted with a new version of their "active" suspension system—a computer controlled self levelling suspension system designed to keep the car stable under all conditions.



Prost waits in the cockpit of his Ferrari before the test session. (Reuter

Real pay tribute to Martin

MADRID, Dec 6, (Reuter): Real Madrid basketball team yesterday paid tribute to their star pivot Fernando Martin as they beat Paok Salonika of Greece 92-71 in a European Cup Winners' Cup match. Martin died in a car crash on Madrid's Ringroad Motorway on

His number 10 shirt, which team-mates have said will not be worn by Sunday. another player, was laid last night on his empty court-side chair where

Salonika players placed floral tributes.

At the end of the emotional match, dedicated by Real players to Martin's memory, the crowd chanted their late hero's name.

Martin became the only Spaniard to play in the US National Martin became the only Spaniard to play in the Portland Basketball Association (NBA) when he spent a year with the Portland Trail Blazers in 1986.



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SPORTS BRIEFS

Pakistan win

LAHORE, Pakistan, Dec 6, (Reuter): Pakistan beat England 5-1 (halftime 2-0) yesterday in the first match of a two-Test hockey series. Scorers: Pakistan - Wasim Feroz (29th minute), Tahir Zaman (35th and 48th), Shahbaz Ahmad (37th), Khalid Bashir (47th) England - Nick Thompson (57th).

City manager LONDON, Dec6, (Reuter): Howard Kendall has been appointed man-ager of Manchester City, the bottom

side in English soccer's First Division, the club announced today. French champions

MARSEILLE, France, Dec 6, (Reuter): Bernard Tapie, president of French soccer champions Marsei-lle, was travelling to West Germany today to finalise a deal with Yugoslavia's rising star Dragan Stojkovic, chib sources said.

Angels pitcher

TOKYO, Dec 6, (AP): One-handed pitcher Jim Abbott of the California Angels met today with Prime Mini-ster Toshiki Kaifu before leaving for home with a \$15,000 check for vic-tims of the San Francisco earth-

British soccer

LONDON, Dec 6, (Reuter): Results of British soccer matches yesterday. English Division Two Swindon 2 Bournemouth 3 English Football League Cup fourth round replay Sunderland 5 Exeter 2 (Sunderland at home to Coventry in quarterfinals)

Bomb scare

MANCHESTER, England, Dec 6, (Reuter): A bomb scare interrupted an acrimonious annual meeting of the shareholders of English First Division soccer club Manchester United at Old Trafford yesterday. Police halted the meeting for 10 minutes after a phone call warning them of a bomb. Nothing was found after a search and the meeting continued.

Yellow card

ROME, Dec 6, (Reuter): The 1990 World Cup organising committee will consider granting an amnesty to yellow card offenders from the qualifying rounds, the International Football Federation (Fifa) said yesterday.

Paternity suit

ROME, Dec 6, (AP): Italy's highest court yesterday refused to dismiss a paternity suit against Argentine soccer star Diego Maradona by a Neapolitan woman who claims he fathered her son. The court of cassation rejected a motion by Maradona seeking to quash the civil suit filed by Cristina Sinagra. The suit can now go

Victorious return

ORLANDO, Fla., Dec 6, (Reuter): Troy Dalbey returned to competition for the first time since leaving the Seoul Olympics in disgrace and yes-terday came away from the US Open swimming meet with a win and a renewed love of the sport. Dalbey, 21, won the 100-metre freestyle in 50.82 seconds on the final day of the Olympic 200-metre freestyle silver medallist Anders Holmertz of Sweden who was second in 50.84.

WBC bout

SHEFFIELD, England, Dec 6, (UPI): British cruiserweight cham-pion Johnny Nelson is to challenge for Puerto Rican Carlos de Leon's World Boxing Council title in Sheffield on January 27, it was announ-

CRESCENT Cricket Club beat

Flying Arrows Cricket Club by eight wickets in the opening

match of the Friday Knockout

Tournament match at the

Ahmadi ground earlier this

Flying Arrows batted first and scored 206 for the loss of six

wickets in the 29 allotted overs.

In reply Crescent got the runs for

86. He got some good support from Francis and John, who

Crescent started badly, losing

scored 37 and 26 respectively.

the loss of only two wickets. Flying Arrows got most of their runs through Roy, who hit

Test against India ends in draw

Pakistanis break records

LAHORE, Pakistan, Dec 6, (Reuter): Shoaib Mohammad completed his first Test double century on a day of batting records as the third cricket Test between Pakistan and India ended in a high-scoring draw today. Pakistan were 699 for five in

reply to India's first innings score of 509 when the game was called off 10 overs into the final hour with Shoaib 203 not out.

Pakistan's score was the highest by any side in a Test in Pakistan and the highest in matches between the two countries. During the course of the final

day Pakistan vice-captain Javed Miandad became only the second batsman in Test history after England's Colin Cowdrey to score a hundred in his 100th

Only 15 wickets fell in the fiveday game which produced 1,208 runs on a pitch which later drew criticism from Indian captain Krishnamachari Srikkanth. He said it was not in the best interests

With the first two Tests of the

formula for Saturday's draw.

is largely irrelevant.

ing round.

Denmark in one.

enough for them.

ROME, Dec 6, (Reuter): The organising committee for next year's World Cup linals in Italy will tomorrow end

the vexed arguments, lobbying and manoeuvring over which six teams should be seeded when it decides on the

Their predicament over which two nations should

take the last seeded place behind Italy, Argentina,

Brazil and West Germany has generated more steam

than any other World Cup issue with Belgium,

England and Spain raising strong claims.

The heated volume of the debate is surprising as

recent tournament experience shows the seeding issue

At the 1986 World Cup finals in Mexico only two of

the six seeds (Mexico and Brazil) won their groups, a

figure equalled by the teams from the supposedly weak

In the format under which 16 of the 24 teams go

through, adopted for the first time in Mexico, it is

actually quite difficult to get knocked out in the open-

The four best third-placed teams from the six groups of four nations quality for the knockout stage of the tournament, a formula which, in Mexico, permitted Uruguay to go through even though they failed to win

any of their three games and were thrashed 6-1 by

Bulgaria also illustrated the devaluation of the

importance of group matches, advancing without win-

ning a match — two draws and a defeat were good

None of this has stopped teams fretting over who

section of the draw (Morocco and Denmark).



Shoaib Mohammed

four-match series also ending in draws, the outcome of the series rests on the fourth Test which starts at Sialkot on Saturday. Miandad and Shoaib carried their fourth-wicket stand to 246 after Pakistan resumed today at

Miandad, 84 not out overnight, went on to make 145 in six

Fifa set to end debate

Teams to be seeded today

Nacem and Ishtiaq took two wickets each for Crescent while

Maqbool and Farhat got one

each. Flying Arrows' Manoj and

Ashok shared the two Crescent

■ Sakhawat's deadly bowling

devastated Union's batting in the

Gulf Bank Cricket League tour-

nament match played at KOC ground at Ahmadi earlier this week. His haul of five wickets

helped Starlite to maintain an unbeaten record in the League

after playing four games so far.

Starlite, who won the toss,

totalled 190 runs for two wickets in 19 overs as Iqbal Rizvi, and

Bader turned the game around in a 112 runs stand for the first

wicket off eleven overs before

Iqbal Rizvi, after scoring 49 runs,

Maqsood Ahmed Sr joined

Bader and took the score to 188

runs when Bader, who was play-

ing with full confidence and was

set for his century, was bowled by Nasir at 96. His innings con-tained by 13 fours and one six,

Magsood at the other end

demonstrated an amazing

powerplay when he slammed an

unteaten 30 off just 17 balls, hit-

Union, chasing a run rate of 10

runs per over to win the match,

could not face a hostile bowling

spell of 11 overs by Starlite's

pacemen Acejaz Butt and Sakh-

Aejaz was unlucky as he took

only one wicket in his spell of five

overs for 26 runs. Sakhawat at

the other end destroyed the bat-

ting line up of Union and took

five wickets for 32 runs in his six-

ting two sixes and two fours.

was bowled by Saced.

wickets to fall.

416 for three.

before being bowled by Ravi Shastri. He hit 10 fours in his 291ball innings. Shoaib, 90 not out overnight.

reached his first double century by hitting Shastri for his four through mid-wicket. He faced

The Man of the Match award, however, went to India's Sanjay Manirekar for his innings of 218. Shoaib, who beat his previous highest test score of 163 against New Zealand at Wellington

earlier this year, added a further

134 for the fifth wicket with skipper Imran Khan who chipped in with a bright 66. The Pakistan captain struck left-arm spinner Maninder Singh for two huge sixes and hit four fours off 95 deliveries before

Manjrekar, standing in for

regular wicketkeeper Kiran

More, caught him off Shastri. Abdul Qadir, who finished unbeaten on 39, became the fourth Pakistani after Intikhab Alam, Imran Khan, and Sarfraz Nawaz to achieve a Test double of 1,000 runs and 100 wickets. He

Qadir's unbroken sixth-wicket stand with Shoalb produced 71 runs as Pakistan passed their previous highest total in Lahore of 561 against New Zealand in 1955-56.

Scoreboard INDIA first innings 509 (S. Man-jrekar 218, M. Azharuddin 77, R. Shastri 61)

PAKISTAN first innings (overnight 416 for three) Aamer Malik c sub (Raman) b Maninder 113

63

Rameez Raja c More b Prabhakar Salim Malik c Manjrekar b

Maninder Javed Miandad b Shastri Shoaib Mohammed not out 203 Imran Khan c Manjrekar b Shastri66 Abdul Cadir not out Extras (b-3 lb-4 nb-8) Total (for five wickets) Fall of wickets: 1-1002-2233-2484-

Did not bat: Wasim Akram, Nadeem Abbasi, Akram Raza, Shahid Mahboob.

Bowling: Kapil Dev 28-2-77-0, Prabhakar 34-2-107-1, Maninder Singh 61-7-191-2, Ayoub 49-4-182-0, Srikkanth 3-0-18-0, Shastri 26-4-2-

outlast 76ers NEW YORK, Dec 6, (AP): Patrick Ewing scored 32 points as the New York Knicks beat the

Knicks

Philadelphia 76ers 110-103 last night, improving to 7-0 at home. The Knicks had to hold off a Philadelphia rally in the second half after leading by as many as 24 points early in the third quar-

ter.
Mike Gminski had 20 points and Johnny Dawkins 19 for the 76crs, who played without Charies Barkley because of a viral infection.

Celtics 114, Hornets 101 Larry Bird had 13 rebounds, ll assists and il points as Boston improved to 7-0 against the Hor-

nets. Kevin McHale scored 20 points for the Celtics and Robert Parish 16 on 7-for-7 shooting. Muggsy Bogues scored a career-high 20 points for Charlotte on 10-for-15 shooting and added 11 assists. Rex Chapman and rookie J.R. Reid also scored 20 points each and Reid grabbed 13 ebounds

Lakers 111, Clippers 103 Magic Johnson scored nine of his season-high 34 points in the final four minutes as the Los Angeles Lakers added more fuel to their one-sided crosstown rivalry with the Los Angeles

Clippers.
The defeat was the Clippers' 24th in a row at the Forum, 16 of those coming after they moved to Los Angeles from San Diego at the start of the 1984-85 season. Their last victory at the Forum was on Nov 21, 1981.

Results New York 110 Philadelphia 114 Charlotte 113 Miami 94 Cleveland 92 New Jersey Boston Portland Utah Minnesota 119 Denver 107 Golden State 133 Houston 111 LA Clippers 118 Milwaukee Chicago Dallas Seattle L A Lakers



Cleveland Cavaliers' Craig Ehio (left) gets tangled with team-mate Randolph Keys as they try to pull down a rebound. (Reuter wirephoto)

Dunhill present trophies

DUNHILL have started presenting their cups for the 1989/90 horse racing season today with the first cup presented at the Ahmadi Equestrian Club, the ninth horse racing event at this Club this season.

Dunhill continues their interest in horse racing not only in Kuwait but also world-wide. They will present four trophies in Kuwait this season. Besides Ahmadi, Dunhill trophies will be presented at the Hunting & Equestrian Club, the Farwaniya Equestrian Club & the Jah, a Equestrian Club. Another will be presented at a Showjumping event at the Hunting & Equestrian Club at the

Besides the trophies, Dunhill will also present money prizes to the winners. Durshill also continues with the press-tipping competition between local Arabic dailies/weeklies. Points are awarded to the daily/weekly who can accurately

predict the wimning horses every week. This competition has increased public interest/awareness of the most prestigious sport in the Arab world.

The first Dunhill Trophy was presented during the 1986/87 horse racing season and was won by the horse Hadi, owned by Hadi Mohamed Al-Othaibi. The Dunhill Cup was won by the horse named Mashoor owned by Mohamed Rashed Al-Rahaiyaan during 1987/88. During the last horse racing season, a mare named Sacela owned by Mohamed Al-Othaibi, won the trophy and there is a strong possibility of this mare winning the prestigious Dunhill trophy again this year.

their group opponents will be nor has it stopped the ng and arm-twisting of International Football Federation (Fifa) delegates this week in Rome. England set the ball rolling with their campaign to be

seeded in Group F and thus play all their first-round matches in the Sardinian capital of Cagliari where, it is argued, potential hooligan fans can be better con-

The Spaniards responded angrily, saying they had superior sporting grounds on their side and that English rowdies should not rob them of the rightful seeding. They want to be head of Group C in Turin. Belgium, who could lose out to both as the three

over before he even got off the mark. Maqbool and Zahed then

took the score to 117 in 18 overs

before the latter was out for 64. Zagar joined Maqbool and

both of them put more pressure on the Flying Arrows fielders by hitting their bowlers all over the

ground. The Crescent bowlers failed to dislodge either of them and both these batsmen took

their team to victory in the 28th

Zagar hit three sixes in his

unbeaten 61 while Maqbool

remained unbeaten on 68. In the bowling department,

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nations scramble for the final two seeded places behind Italy (Group A, Rome, Argentina (B, Naples), Brazil (D, Milan) and West Germany (E, Verona), have been remarkably quiet, even though they have the best

As 1986 World Cup semifinalists, the Belgians have a solid claim since Fifa seeded both France and Poland on that basis at the time of the last finals in Mexico.

But much manoeuvring is going on behind the scenes. Fifa president Joao Havelange is reported to favour using a calculation based on the last World Cup finals — which would leave England out in the cold.

Fifa general secretary Joseph Blatter is said to prefer an equation relating to the last two finals - which

would force Spain out But his scenario is complicated by Turin's view that it would prefer Spain to Belgium. Memories of the 1985 Heysel disaster in Brussels where more than 30 Juventus fans lost their lives are still too fresh in the northern

■ The World Cup finals could reap Italy nearly \$40 million, the man staging the soccer spectacular said vesterday.

Luca di Montezemolo, head of the local organising committee Italia 90, told a news conference that organisers were estimating a profit for Italy alone of about 50 billion lire (\$38 million) from the 24-nation tour-He cited a potential overall profit of 100 billion lire

(\$76 million).

It was not clear how the second figure was calculated but it suggested a far higher profit than at the last finals four years ago in Mexico, when the International Football Federation (Fifa) announced a \$42.5-million

The Italian profits, from a slice of the revenue from ticket sales, advertising and merchandising, will go entirely to the country's soccer federation, Mon-tezemolo said. Shares of the overall profits go to Fifa and teams taking part. Montezemolo also said that all 17,000 tickets set

aside for the Italian public for the opening match with holders Argentina in Milan on June 8 had been snapped up since going on sale last week. Argentina's opponents will be known at Saturday's draw. Crescent, Starlite rout opponents

Iqbal Rizvi and Yogesh Patel also took one wicket each and

enabled Starlite to bowl out Union for 85 runs in 13 overs and win the match by 105 runs.

Bhutto Trophy

Evergreen will meet M.C.C.

(Moghul Cricket Club) in a

Bhutto Memorial Cricket Tro-

phy match, sponsored by Pakistan People's Club of Kuwait and organised by Gulf Cricket League (G.C.L.) at the E.P.I.

Players of both teams are adv-

ised to report at the ground at

8.45 am as the match will com-

mence at 9.00 am. The two teams

Evergreen: Asad Baig (Cap-tain); Arshed Pindiwal; Waqar

Zaidi; Riaz Chaudhry; Anjum Raza; Amjad; Jameel; Shahid Maqbool; Mehboob; Sadaqat

and Jawaid.

M.C.C.: Maqbool Ahmed (Captain); Ferhat Niaz, Nasem

Butt; Zagar; İshtiaq; İftikhar Ahmed: Ghulam Mustafa;

Saced; Tariq Mehmood; Saif ur Rehman; M. Nacem; Zahid

Mahmood; Arshed Shamas; Pervaiz; Arshed and Iftikhar.

Royals Trophy

The semifinals of the Roth-

mans Royals Trophy knockout

cricket tournament, organised

by Unity Cricketers, will be

played tomorrow at the new

Evershine meet Unity in mor-

ning at 9:00 am, and umpire will

be one each from Starlite &

Kifco. In the afternoon at 1.10

pm Kifco face Starlite, - umpire

are one each from Unity & Ever-

ground in Ahmadi.

grounds tomorrow.

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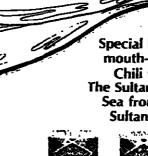
BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Dec 6, (AP): President Carlos Menem, an avid sportsman, said yesterday the crash of a motor-boat he co-piloted last weekend may compel him to give up rac-

ing.
"Out of respect for my people, perhaps I will stop risking my life as I have been doing until now," Menem told reporters.

On Sunday, Menem and European motorboat champion Daniel Scioli of Argentina competed in the first leg of the "One thousand kilometres of the delta"

The pair posted an average speed of more than 105 kilometres an hour (65 mph).





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